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Pop Show: Unplugged

By Chloe Barthelemy
Lin Goldenberg and
Leila Munoz
Cub Reporters


Photographer: Leila Munoz

What's up, Bears! Our very own John Burroughs High School Vocal Music Association kicked off the new year with their first show of the semester, Pop Show: Unplugged, at the Colony Theatre in Downtown Burbank on January 21st, 2023, at 5PM and 7:30PM!

This show had many spectacular performances by members from a range of choirs and musical groups, such as Decibelles, Sound Sensations, Powerhouse, Muses, and NeoChromatics.

Pop Show: Unplugged is the VMA's "unplugged" version of their annual Pop Show, with more relaxed acts, acoustic instruments, and slow ballads. There was a total of twenty-two acts, running for an hour and thirty minutes.

Starting off the show, Junior student William Roberts sang "Nobody Likes The Opening Band" by I DON'T KNOW HOW BUT THEY FOUND ME. This act was followed with "Hole Hearted" by Extreme featuring the Powerhouse Sophomores, then "Walk Beside Me" by Celtic Woman with Freshmen singers Rose Hemingway and Jillian Pirruccello.

Next up, Senior Elena Spickler sang "She Wants Me (To Be Loved)" by The Happy Fits with performers Emerson Riley, Mauricio Lara, Lucas Holt, Makabe Ganey, Elijzah Sprague, and Athena Pichardo acting out a scene at a restaurant. Mauricio and Emerson, playing the main characters, are two lovers on a restaurant date, with Athena as their waiter, while Lucas, Makabe, and Elijzah acted as three boys trying to win Emerson's heart.

Following Elena's act, Junior Ava Hunt, Vice President of the advanced treble choir Sound Sensations, performed "Valentine" by Laufey with her friends Gianna DeSimone and Bianca Manganaan.

Ava spoke about why she chose the song, saying that "I really liked the jazzy style of the song and I wanted something I could laugh about with the audience because the song is about having a Valentine, even though I've never dated anyone before." One of Ava's favorite moments from the show was when Bianca was holding a prop that she was supposed to give to Ava, and Ava's cue for Bianca was a nod but she started nodding with Ava on stage in front of the audience.

The acts that followed were "Welcome To The Internet" by Bo Burnham sung by Junior Noah Castiel, "Long Time Gone" by The Chicks sung by Sophomore Chloe Rittmiller, and "California Dreaming" sung by the Sound Sensations' acapella group the Muses.

After the Muses, Freshman Melanie Fierro performed "Let You Break My Heart Again" by Laufey, followed by "At The Holiday Party" sung by Junior Bea Park with a group of her friends, and "Lemonade" by Jeremy Passion, sung by Junior Mauricio Lara.

Mauricio, a Junior in Powerhouse who also participates in JSA and Latinos Unidos, chose to sing Lemonade because "I think it's a pretty, warm, and fuzzy song and I got to do it with my best friend Makabe." One of his favorite memories from the show was when he went to the mall to buy new pants because he ripped his old ones.

"Many the Miles" by Sara Bareilles sung by Mae Roth, followed, along with "Middle of the Night" by Anass Marbough, performed by Rose Hemingway, Alana Gay, and Georgia Dadekian. Alana, a Freshman in Sound Sensations, mentions that "the introduction of our performance and talking to the audience" were very memorable moments for her. She adds on that, "Pop Show: Unplugged was a great time and I hope to see more people at Pop Show!"

Owen Williams performed the Bo Burnham hit "Art is Dead," followed with "Pancakes For Dinner" by Lizzy McAlpine, sung by Sofia Mari Joaquin and Otelia Lighthill right after. Neo Chromatics, Powerhouse's acapella group, performed their own arrangement: a mashup "Cry Your Heart Out/To Be Loved" by Adele with soloists Aria Gunn and Alexa Ruiz.

"I Choose You" by Sara Bareilles, solo sung by Cruz Martin, preceded "L-O-V-E," by Nat King Cole, performed by Emerson Riley. Emerson, a Junior in Sound Sensations as well as Muses and Play Production, recounts her first Unplugged experience: "This is my first year and I didn't know show choir existed before I came here," she continues, "I've always loved this song and I wanted to do a fun little guitar arrangement of it. I've always wanted to try mouth trumpet!"

The final acts include "Someone Else" by Wild Child, sung by Kyle Daou and Sorsha Khitikian, "Creep" by Radiohead, with Chloe Barthelemy, Lin Goldenberg, and Amelia Cucuzza, and "Summertime," by Ella Fitzgerald with soloist Aria Gunn. Concluding the show, Kaylor Toronto and Nayan Ramakrishnan, President and Vice President of the VMA, began the closer, "Stop This Train," by John Mayer, with all of the performers singing backup at the end.

This show was a great learning opportunity, especially for Tech Krew, as they had to adapt to a new workplace. Tech Krew deals with set design, stage management, sound/mics, and lighting during all rehearsals and performances.

JBHS Senior Noah Valdez stage-managed this year's Pop Show: Unplugged. When asked about the behind-the-scenes experience, he described working Unplugged as "...Unexpectedly very fun, and less stressful this year. Last year we used wired cables which were terrible. This year we adapted, so we brought our own mics and mic receiver."

Pop Show: Unplugged precedes the JBHS VMA's biggest show of the year, Pop Show, which will take place February 24, 25, and 26. The theme for the 44th annual performance is, "You Make My Dreams Come True." Make sure to pre-order your tickets for upcoming performances and support the JBHS VMA!

To: Charles Powell

From: Charles Powell

Message: Hello, World!
Or, at least, hello JBHS!

To: Samantha Gonzalez

From: Daniela Alvarez

Message: The most
Beautiful, stunning,
iconic, Red Haired
woman.
Feb 14th with me?

Music Is Instrumental

By Molly Boyke
Editor-In-Chief

On January 26th at 7PM, the JBHS IMA, JBHS VMA, BHS IMA, BHS VMA, and studio musicians from the Musicians at Play foundation struck a chord with their "Music Is Instrumental" concert at Burbank High School's Wolfson auditorium.

Advertised as "an evening of music from film and television," it featured the music of John Williams, Lalo Schifrin, Peter Boyer, and Carl Orff, among other famous composers. The concert was held to benefit all of Burbank's musical programs and was hosted by voice actor Vargus Masson. California State Senator Anthony Portantino also made an appearance alongside many other special guests.

The Burbank High School Chamber orchestra, directed by Annie Cavanaugh, opened the show with renditions of "Lion City" and "Fantasia Espanola" by Soon Hee Newbold.

It was then that the JBHS Powerhouse Choir took the stage, under the direction of Brendan Jennings. They performed "All My Trials" arranged by Yoni Fogelman, followed by "Rytmus" by Ivan Hrusovsky. Soloist Rene Harris then sang "The Impossible Dream" from the 1965 musical *Man of La Mancha*, music by Mitch Leigh and lyrics by Joe Darion.

The JBHS Wind Ensemble, directed by David España, played Gustav Holst's Second Suite in F for Military Band, a suite of four movements based on English folk songs: "March," "Song Without Words 'I'll Love My Love,'" "Song of the Blacksmith," and "Fantasia on the Dargason." BHS' In Sync choir, under the direction of Brett Carroll, closed out Act 1 with a recital of "Like Breathing" by Pasek and Paul and "I surrender" by Biancaniello and Watters.

After an intermission, the Burbank All-District Jazz Band, with JBHS and BHS Jazz bands combined, performed "Title Theme" from the movie *Mission: Impossible*, composed by Lalo Schifrin. They continued with the theme from Pixar's *The Incredibles*, composed by Michael Giacchino.


Photographer: Armando Ramirez

Soloist Kaylor Toronto performed "One Song Glory" from the musical *Rent* by Jonathan Larson, which the JBHS Drama program will be putting on later this year.

The Burbank All-District Symphony Orchestra and Choir, with all programs together under the direction of accomplished conductor Angel Velez, played "Tribute to the Film Composer" by John Williams, a collection of Williams' most iconic film themes. They continued with "Hymn to the Fallen," another Williams piece from the film *Saving Private Ryan*. The show concluded with a rousing rendition of "Fortuna Imperatrix Mundi" from Carl Orff's cantata *Carmina Burana*, arranged by John Krance. The booming chords and passionate vocals earned a standing ovation from the audience.

With all of JBHS and BHS' musical programs in one show, Burbank's student musicians thrived working together to create a unified sound. Kaylor Toronto, VMA president and "One Song Glory" soloist, stated, "We were so lucky to get to make such beautiful art with such incredible people from all around Burbank!"

He continued, "Collaborating with the BHS VMA really showed how amazing we can be when we combine all of our voices, and getting to perform massive John Williams pieces with the entire orchestra and choirs was so enormously powerful. That show is something I'll definitely never forget. We made new friends and had quite a sick crossover!"

Sorsha Khitikian, a Senior member of Powerhouse, NeoChromatics, and Dance Ensemble, was especially interested in the differences between the programs. "It was fascinating seeing the other school's band and choir. The choir room, auditorium, everything really was different enough that it allowed for nice conversation starters. I enjoyed getting to know a lot of new people that share my same interest, and can't wait to compete against them later this year!"

The students in the instrumental music programs were excited to work together once again for the first time since the Homecoming Game of the Marching season. Justin Fujimoto, BHS IMA President, stated, "I had a lot of fun with the mentors and the students from the Burroughs IMA and it was overall an amazing experience. I'm grateful for the opportunity to meet and work with some of the students and hopefully this can be a Burbank tradition that can be kept going for future students to enjoy."

Isabela Butler, Concert Mistress and violinist of the BHS Chamber Orchestra, commented, "It was a lot of hard work and long hours getting this concert ready but it definitely paid off in the end because we all sounded so good and professional." The orchestra's unified sound was due in part to Isabela's expert tuning prior to their performance.

Lili Walker, JBHS IMA President, was incredibly pleased with the sound the programs worked hard to create: "The best part about the concert was definitely the final product and being able to walk away feeling proud of the performance. Working with the choirs and bands was such a wild experience that created a fantastic final product. It was such a thrill to be able to play with professional musicians who could share some details about their experiences in the industry. All in all we played great and had fun and I'm so grateful to have been a part of it."

Sophia Surratt, a JBHS Sophomore who moved up to Wind Ensemble from Symphonic Band, enjoyed her first performance with the Wind Ensemble, saying, "I had a very good overall experience; it was way more fun than I thought it was going to be. The mentors were extremely nice and helpful and I had fun making a friend that attends Burbank High. My favorite part was actually how we sounded the day of the concert, like, 'O Fortuna' was the best song."

Senior Yearbook photographer Armando Ramirez was absolutely floored by the performance, and stated, "That was single handedly the greatest musical event I've ever attended. I regret nothing."

Music is Instrumental not only brought our student musicians together, but also brought together the Burbank community to support our arts programs.

The event was made possible by everyone involved in its production, including parent volunteers, BHS' Tech Crew, the Musicians at Play organization, and many more. Students who missed it can support the arts by attending Pop Show and the band's Spring Concert later this semester. Here's hoping that our music programs will work together in harmony again next year!

To: Bobby Burcham

From: Laden Ramos

Message: You're lonely LOL.

Karly And Kara

By Grace Barton
Cub Reporter

With Valentine's Day around the corner, we have some adorable couples around school. Karly Geris, a Junior, and Kara Aldana Pere, a Senior have been together for almost eight months. Karly plays basketball on the Girls' Varsity Team. Kara plays volleyball on the Girls' Varsity Team and plans on continuing playing volleyball in college at LA Mission College for two years until she can possibly go D1 somewhere in New York.



The first time they ever met was at their first ever soccer game when Karly was in kindergarten and Kara was in first grade. They also both went to Roosevelt Elementary School, but were not friends at the time.

Karly says, "When I first met Kara I thought she was nice and I wanted to get to know her." They first met at a baseball game, which led to their first date at the movies a few months later. Kara asked Karly out, and they saw *Elvis* then went to Granville to eat.

Their nicknames for each other are "love" and "my love."

They will celebrate their anniversary on July 29th, when Kara asked Karly to be her girlfriend after their first date. Kara states "My favorite thing about her is her goofieness," and Karly says her favorite thing about Kara is "the way she cares about me and how she can make me laugh." Some of their favorite things to do are eat together and go to see movies.

They don't have a lot in common but they "are both athletic, both like dogs, and both like sushi." Karly knew Kara's parents before they started dating, so when they met each other's families it was normal. When it came to meeting each other's friends, Karly says, "For the most part we have the same friends, but I like her friends because they are funny."

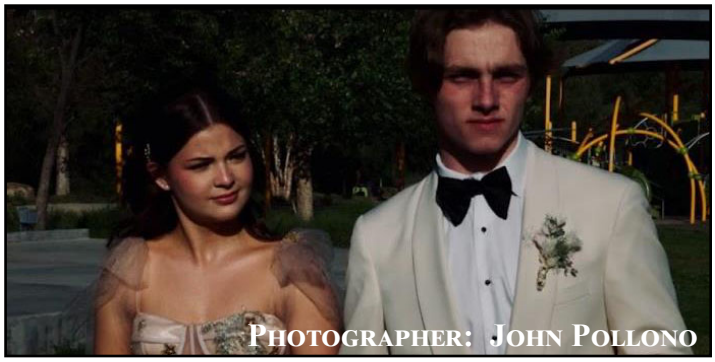
In the future they hope to travel together. "We were thinking about going to San Francisco over the summer," they said. They also want to get a job together sometime this year!

Kara and Karly are a lovely couple and incredible individuals. We wish them the best of luck in the future.

Sophie And Rhett

By Zoe Belknap
Cub Reporter

While the John Burroughs High School Choir department is known for inspiring the 2009 TV series *Glee*, it is also known here on campus for its adorable showmances, such as Rhett Hemingway and Sophia (Sophie) Pollono, who are both Seniors in the VMA program.



Photographer: John Pollono

Sophie is a Senior here at Burroughs known for her roles in various VMA and Drama productions including her most recent role as Eurydice in the Powerhouse *Hadestown* set at BOB. Sophie is a rising starlet both at Burroughs and in the community, having been recognized by YoungArts, the Jimmy Awards, and others. Come see her perform as Mimi in Drama's production of *Rent* and in the VMA's Pop Show 44: You Make My Dreams (Come True).

The other half of this musical theater power couple is Rhett Hemingway. One may know him for his various solos and leads from the past four years of VMA and Drama performances and his role as President of the JBHS VMA in 2021-2022. He is now excelling at the most prestigious musical theater school in the country: the University of Michigan.

Rhett and Sophie first met and became friends when Rhett saw Sophie perform in a competition as a Freshman in high school. After that, they were casual friends until the summer of 2021 when he asked her out on a date. She wasn't looking to date at the time and went to a different school, but that was about to change.

When Sophie transferred to JBHS, Rhett helped guide her through the performing arts program here. Sophie says she wasn't originally interested in him, but rather saw him as a kindred spirit, as they shared a lot of the same hopes and dreams. But, those platonic feelings quickly turned into romantic attraction when she saw him perform in last year's BOB (Burroughs on Broadway).

From Rhett's perspective, it was love at first sight. After seeing her on stage all those years ago, he thought "she was the most talented performer [he'd] ever seen" and was absolutely enamored by her. He was supposed to leave that performance early to attend a rehearsal, but once he saw her, he couldn't bring himself to leave.

Even though their first date was at Romancing the Bean during the summer, Rhett and Sophie made things official on December 29th, 2021, when Rhett showed up on Sophie's doorstep in the rain with flowers to ask her to be his girlfriend. We at *The Paw Print* wish Sophie and Rhett a happy belated one-year anniversary!

When they are together, Rhett and Sophie love to play video games, go see plays, and watch movies. All of these activities tend to develop into talks that last for hours and hours.

Sophie's favorite thing about Rhett is "his ability to light up a room, and how supportive he is." Rhett's favorite thing about Sophie is "her tenacity and dedication to the people she cares about."

Sophie is a big Swiftie, but rather than their song being "a slamming screen door" it's "Betty" from Taylor's 2020 album folklore because it's the song they shared their first kiss to. They also love Phantom Planet's "Always On My Mind."

Their dads clicked almost immediately because they are both screenwriters, and in general, their families get along well and have grown to be great friends. Rhett sees Sophie's family as his own and Sophie would say the same.

Besides basically sharing the same family at this point, they also share the same friend group because they went to school together. Besides their mutual friends from JBHS, the couple loves spending time with Charlotte and Roxy, Sophie's best friends from outside of school.

We at *The Paw Print* wish Rhett and Sophie a Happy Valentine's Day!

Alina And Owen

By Annie Torres
Cub Reporter

Alina Ruiz and Owen Gersh are one of John Burroughs High School's cutest Senior couples. They are both seventeen and officially became a couple on May 22, 2022, almost nine months ago! These love birds met when Owen was hosting a holiday party at his house. Alina's friend asked if she could bring Alina along with her and then they became friends.

Owen thought Alina was "very pretty, and silly" when they first met. Alina says "I thought he was a goofball and a nerd." The two had the same English and Culinary class, so they would walk together during passing period from 5th to 6th. Owen and Alina "just happened," they started hanging out so much that they became best friends, which flowed into a wonderful relationship. Owen realized he liked Alina after they finished a culinary lab and ate outside together. Alina started to discover her feelings for Owen after helping him decorate his room.

On their first date, Owen and Alina dressed up to get Thai food at Siri Thai. They weren't nervous because they were so comfortable around each other and were practically best friends. Getting Thai food together is one of their favorite things to do together, it's their love language. They also enjoy going to the zoo together when they get the opportunity.



"I really like how he's always listened to me and I love his smile, and that he watches *Seinfeld* with me," says Alina. Owen loves Alina's eyes and how funny she is, the two have their humor in common. They also share a love for animals and films.

"Getting used to different family culture norms was an experience," the couple stated. Both partners met each other's friends when they began dating. Alina says "I like Owen's friends as they are inclusive." "Her friends are cool and really funny, I enjoy gatherings with them and making them grilled cheese," mentioned Owen.

Alina is in the Portraits of Kindness Club and in the Student Mental Health Board. She is also a barista at Coffee Bean. Owen is also involved around campus, as a member of the Student Mental Health Board, and works at a local acai cafe. He says he is an "acaiest."

Owen's pet name for Alina is "skrunkly bbgorgeous." Alina calls Owen "pookie wookie ookie bunny bear" satirically.

Alina's song for Owen is "'Fade into you" by Mazzy Star; my favorite lyric is 'I want to hold the hand inside you'." Owens song for Alina is "Reminiscing" by Little River Band and his favorite line is "I wanna build my world around you."

Owen and Alina make a lovely couple at Burroughs!

Genesis And Andres

By John Anderegg
Cub Reporter

Genesis, an eighteen-year-old John Burroughs High School Senior, and Andres, a nineteen-year-old United States Marine, have been dating each other for four months since October 19th, 2022.

Genesis' first impression of him was that he was shy. Her favorite thing about him is how sweet and respectful he is to everybody that he meets.

Andres' first impression of her was that she was very pretty, polite, and nice to him. His favorite thing about her now is her smile, laugh, and humor.

Genesis first knew she liked him when she realized she always wanted to be around him when she was over at his house. Andres knew he was attracted to her by the way she presents herself and how silly she is.



Photographer: Daniel Martinez

Their first date was mini golfing at Sherman Oaks followed up by dinner at the Cheesecake Factory.

Andres officially asked Genesis out while sitting in his car. He had just come back from Boot camp and was leaving for Florida soon, and they wanted to make sure that they became official before he left. They went to dinner later that week.

They like to go on late-night drives, hang out with friends, and watch movies together. They both love Brent Faiyaz and *Top Gun*.

They're both very indecisive and laugh at silly things.

Genesis and Andres both get along well with each other's friends. They would all hang out together as a group before they started dating.

Genesis already knew his parents, so she didn't feel any pressure when meeting them.

When Andres first met her parents he was treated very nicely and could tell how much they cared for Genesis.

Genesis and Andres are among the cutest couples this Valentine's Day!

Alex And Nayan

By Brooke Bailey
Feature Editor



It's that time of year again and Alex Diaz and Nayan Ramakrishnan are one of the cutest couples at JBHS. They're both involved in the VMA and are perfectly in sync.

Nayan Ramakirshnan is seventeen years old and the Vice President of the VMA. He is also a member of the Advanced Mixed Show Choir, Powerhouse and a Student Mental Health Board Officer. Nayan has many plans for the future and goes on to give more details: "In the future, I want to study math and hopefully get a job somewhere in that field."

Alex Diaz is also seventeen years old and is the President of Sound Sensations. She's not only in the VMA, she is also the head of outreach for the Student Mental Health Board and Publicity Manager of Latinos Unidos. Alex shares her plans for the future: "My future plans are to attend college as a Dance major and become a professional choreographer/dancer."

These two could not be more perfect for each other. Catching each other's eyes, they shared what it was that made them attracted to each other. Nayan says, "We both [met] at Luther in choir and through mutual friends. I don't remember [it] that well but I think she seemed kinda quiet and I didn't really know anything about her."

Alex responded, "We met at Luther in middle school. He looked very shy at first but seeing him around his friends he looked like he was very fun to be around."

They go on to share their first date moments. Nayan starts off by saying, "I asked her out when we were on our first date because we had already known each other for so long and knew we liked each other." Alex says, "He asked me out on our first date and simply just asked me to be his girlfriend since we already knew we liked each other. I knew I liked him like two years ago because of his sense of humor and he was just so cute to me. Our talks and us getting closer as well made me like him."

Their anniversary date is September 18th and they have been together for a year and three months. For their first date, they went to the movies and saw *Last Night in Soho*. After the movie they went to dinner. Nayan also wanted to share that he liked that she was so sweet to everyone she knew and that we had very similar senses of humor.

He also says, "My favorite thing about Alex is that she is very supportive of me and always knows how to make me smile when I need it." Nayan couldn't be happier and is proud of such an amazing girlfriend.

Alex goes on to say how she feels about Nayan, "His love has brought so much happiness to me being with him has made me see life differently in so many good ways. My favorite thing about Nayan is that we both like the same artists, we both like performing, Legos, and bagels."

Nayan and Alex are more than the perfect candidate to be the cutest couple. They have known each other since middle school, both being the VMA and having so many similarities.

Be sure to say hey if you ever see Nayan and Alex walking around!

Bella And Daniel

By Jaylyn Barjolo
Cub Reporter



Photographer: Armando Ramirez

Introducing the peanut butter to each other's jelly: seventeen-year-old Seniors Bella Reinoso and Daniel Wilke, one of the cutest couples here at John Burroughs high school.

This couple met in Mrs. Snowden's Social Science class. Their first impressions of each other was that they were both really shy and quiet. At first they thought that they would never talk to each other, but here they are!

When it comes to extracurricular activities Bella, participates in Yearbook.

Initially, it wasn't easy for Bella to feel comfortable around other people, but with Daniel she didn't have that period of discomfort. As for Daniel, he thought she was really nice and funny from the beginning.

Later on, Daniel had finally decided to ask Bella out, having their first date at Olive Park. They've been dating for approximately a year, with their anniversary being in the month of love, on February 4th.

A song that describes the moments in their relationship is "Surf" by Mac Miller.

Bella's favorite thing about Daniel is that he is considerate, and Daniel thinks Bella is really thoughtful.

One thing they like to do together is to watch South Park: "we watch South Park almost everyday."

Something that they have in common is their love for chicken tenders.

When it came to finally meeting each other's families, it was really scary and nerve wracking for the two. It was really frightening for Daniel especially because of her dad, but her mom was really nice.

Bella and Daniel also have the same friend group so they didn't have that weird period of meeting each other's friends.

Bella and Daniel have come so far in their relationship. We at *The Paw Print* can't wait to see how their story goes.

Sofia And Chris

By Malia Harney
Cub Reporter



A couple who recently celebrated their first whole year of being together is looking forward to Valentine's Day this year. Sofia Mari Joaquin, a Senior, and Chris Conkle, graduate of JBHS last year, are thrilled to share the upcoming year together.

While Sofia isn't completely sure about where she wants to go specifically, she's hoping to get into a couple UC schools like UCLA and UCSB. Chris is looking to dig deeper into his acting career and improve his acting skills while juggling that with his current job at Starbucks. Although Chris graduated from Burroughs last year, he's still in Burbank, but is often busy, which is one thing he and Sofia have in common.

Sofia and Chris were both involved in Choir last year, and Sofia has continued to shine on the stage this year. They met through Choir, but Sofia knew Chris's mom before she even knew him. His mom would volunteer for Choir events, so Sofia would usually see her hanging around. The first time Sofia and Chris had come across each other, Sofia was charmed. "I thought he was really funny and I was a little scared of him," Sofia remarked. When they had first become friends, they had a whole conversation about how they didn't like each other, but from then on they began to take interest in each other.

Chris asked Sofia out on January 2nd, 2021. Their first date was at Fujiya in downtown Burbank followed by a peaceful and quiet evening at the park. Their very first date is one of Sofia's favorite memories of him.

Since Chris and Sofia are in the same friend group, they have the same friends, so she likes his friends and he likes hers. As previously stated, Sofia already knew Chris's mom, but Sofia said when Chris met her parents, it was really awkward.

Even though they are both super busy, their favorite thing to do together is cook pasta, which they cook a lot of.

Chris calls Sofia "Sofie," but a lot of people call her that. She says her favorite thing about Chris is that "he's just very thoughtful, like he notices the small things I say and remembers them."

Looking into the future, the couple is hoping to travel a lot, but they try not to solidify too many things in their future so that they can allow for growth and change without pressure.

Sofia Mari Joaquin and Chris Conkle are among the cutest couples this Valentine's Day. They hope for a bright future with many positive things along the way.

Poppy And Owen

By Linoyuh Goldenberg
Cub Reporter



Seventeen year olds Owen Williams and Poppy Holmes are a Senior couple and have been dating since August 31, 2021, for one year and five months.

Owen has attended John Burroughs all four years while Poppy attended John Burroughs her Freshman year before transferring to another school.

Owen is a Senior in the JBHS VMA's advanced mixed choir, Powerhouse, and their men's choir, Men@Work. Poppy is a Senior at her high school as well. They met at Edison Elementary School in the fourth grade and got along pretty quickly. They didn't begin dating until seven years later.

Owen says he first started having feelings for Poppy in eighth grade, when they both went to Washington D.C. with their middle school choir. His friends kept pointing out that he was spending most of his time with Poppy and they thought he liked her. He admits that he was in denial of having feelings for Poppy because she had a boyfriend at the time.

Later, in their Sophomore year of high school, Poppy FaceTimed Owen in the morning and asked him to be her boyfriend, to which he said yes. Owen and Poppy had their first date at an Angels game in Anaheim. They rode the train there to watch the game. Since it was still summer, the temperature at the game was quite high, so they cooled off in the shade. After the Angels lost, they stopped at Chipotle, which had been one of their favorite places to eat. Their opinion of Chipotle would greatly shift after what was about to happen.

While they were eating, they realized that they were running late for their train back to Burbank. As they were rushing to the train station, Owen told Poppy that he was feeling a bit nauseous. They didn't think much of it, but later, he threw up on the side of the street. Uh oh! Even so, they had a great time up until that point, and are still going on strong.

One of their favorite ways to spend time together is to cuddle and watch a movie together at their house or a movie theater. Owen's favorite thing about Poppy is how kind of a person she is and Poppy's favorite thing about Owen is how funny he is. They both like dogs, love sushi, love hockey, and they both have a "silly side" according to Owen.

Owen has known Poppy ever since elementary school so he's always been comfortable with her parents and because they go to different schools, Owen doesn't really interact with Poppy's friends but the select few he has met are really cool people in his opinion.

Owen and Poppy are one of the cutest couples in our community, and if you see them, they'll be sure to brighten your day.

Mikaila And Lucas

By Samantha Gonzales and Michelle Chavez
Cub Reporters

Cupid's arrow struck these two long before this issue: Lucas Holt and Mikaila Huertas began dating on January 25th, 2022, making the couple over a year strong!

Lucas is currently seventeen and is in Powerhouse here at Burroughs. He is also president of the Improv Club, and plans to go to a four-year university in California to study Computer Science and Game Development.

Mikaila is currently eighteen years old and is a JBHS alumna enrolled at CSUN. She plans to be an X-ray technician in the future, reflected by her Radiology major.

The two were in Choir together when they both attended Burroughs a year ago. Lucas and Mikaila met in Link Crew during Lucas's Junior Year and Mikaila's Senior Year. Lucas explains his first impressions, "I thought she was extremely social and enthusiastic and I was a bit overwhelmed with how friendly she was, but quickly adjusted to her craziness."



Mikaila instantly felt a spark, "My first impression of Lucas was that he was really funny. I was making jokes with everyone at training and he was the only one that went along with it and made me laugh."

Shortly after their first encounter, he asked her out on January 25th! Lucas continues, "I asked her out the day after her birthday, it was kind of a 'birthday ask-out.' I got her a card for both [her birthday and the date] and asked in person."

Their first date was roller skating at Moonlight Rollerway, where they spent the night skating, dancing, and singing to good music. After getting over his initial shyness, Lucas was smitten, "I was genuinely intimidated at first, but once I saw how many faces she could light up in a matter of seconds, I was instantly attracted. Plus, she had an amazing sense of humor."

Mikaila described the date: "It was so much fun! I found out Lucas was abnormally good at skating and it was kinda scary, [not gonna lie.] I tried pushing him over so many times but he just wouldn't budge. He also made weird faces at me every time I laughed at someone falling while skating."

Not only do they love to skate and perform together, but they also love to watch movies and go to the park, where they can take walks or lie in the grass.

Lucas' favorite thing about Mikaila is "Her laugh, because it always makes me laugh."

Lucas commented that the couple has "very similar taste in music and clothes" and shares a love of movies. Their song is "Why I Love You" by grentperez.

After first encounters and first dates, the next step in love is to introduce your special someone to your family. Lucas describes, "Meeting her family was great! We met at a show but ended up having a really nice home-cooked dinner at her house. She met my parents at a show too but I've been over many times to spend time with them."

In terms of friends, "We kind of have the same friend group which really works out, one of her best friends is also dating one of my best friends," Lucas said.

Another sweet couple for a sweet holiday. Much love from *The Paw Print* this Valentine's Day!

Gissel And Zack

By Luna Martinson
Cub Reporter

Gissel Nolasco and Zack Freck are one of the cutest couples at JBHS, with their connection going all the way back to middle school! These two lovebirds met at Luther Burbank middle school in the eighth grade.

Gissel's first impression of Zack was that he was nice and friendly, that she felt very comfortable with him, and that he was very funny.

Zack asked Gissel out in 8th grade for a trip to Disneyland with friends. On their first date to Disneyland, Gissel was very shy at first, and tried to avoid him to be with her other friend the whole time, going on rides alone. Gissel and Zack went on two rides together that night. After one of the rides, they walked to the Walt Disney statue, where Zack asked Gissel to be his girlfriend.



Photographer: Miranda Sanchez

It wasn't until two years later that they would really start talking and hanging out after that first date. In Sophomore year he asked her out to their mutual friend's house for a Christmas Eve party. Gissel and Zack finally made it official on December 18, 2020, making them over two years strong.

On their first date as a couple without their friends around, they walked to Baskin Robbins. Gissel knew that there was a connection because it was so easy to talk to Zack, which is one of the reasons she likes him.

Before Zack and Gissel dated they were best friends that were already very close. They enjoy going over to each other's houses and making ramen while watching movies together.

When Zack has his Baseball practice, Gissel goes to her club meetings. Gissel and Zack mainly watch Baseball because that is the sport that Zack plays. They love to go out to eat, which they do a lot. One of Gissel's favorite things about Zack is that he does not care what others think about him, and is very open to doing new things. Gissel is in ASB and is a Link Crew Leader. In ASB, she plans Spirit Week and loves helping other kids and people.

Some things that Gissel and Zack have in common are that they like the same foods and like to try different things. Gissel and Zack also like a lot of things that are different, such as the music that they like to listen to and their clothing style. Opposites attract!

Happy Valentine's, you two!

Ava And Jayden

By Veronica Silva
Cub Reporter



Senior couple Ava Gorman and Jayden Addison are the definition of opposites attract! Both have very different personalities that combine together to make the cutest couple.

The couple has known each other since sixth grade, where they first met in Ms. Hodgins' Science class at Dolores Huerta Middle School. To Ava, Jayden seemed at first impression like a caring, sweet, genuine, and playful boy. What most stood out to her was how caring he was towards her.

Jayden expresses that Ava's intelligence was the most outstanding trait about her and would jokingly think to himself, "what a nerd." Jayden first asked Ava out during their eighth grade semi-formal. After Ava gladly said yes, the couple shared their first date seeing a Disney movie at the theater!

They realized how deeply they care about each other and how perfect they would be together. The couple started dating each other during the end of their eighth grade year, making their anniversary May 21st.

Ava and Jayden have been inseparable ever since, and will soon be celebrating their fourth anniversary. When they are together they like to go around town trying new restaurants, drawing, and dancing together to their song, "Somebody That I Used to Know" by Gotye. They also visit the Burbank mall often, where Jayden follows Ava around shopping! Ava adores how Jayden always treats her like a princess, is protective of her at all times, and appreciates how family-oriented he is. To Ava, Jayden is her number-one best friend. Jayden adores Ava's fashion sense and appreciates her fashion advice and knowledge, as well as her ambition for success.

The couple shares a love for Choir, as they both participate in the VMA. Ava is currently in Sound Sensations while Jayden is in Men@Work. When they aren't at rehearsals for Choir, they share a fascination for books and literature, such as the novel *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Meeting each others' families and friends was nerve wracking for both Ava and Jayden. However, after getting to know each other's families, they all became very close and turned into just one big family! Jayden expresses that impressing Ava's parents was "lightwork."

Not only did they become close with each others' families, but with friends as well! Ava enjoys how chaotic and fun Jayden's friends are, and how often they all hang out together. While Jayden finds Ava's friends very choir-oriented and girly, he still enjoys the chaos and happiness they bring to her.

Jayden is currently seventeen, and plans to attend college right after graduation. Ava is currently eighteen, and plans to major in behavior psychology at a university.

As the couple gets ready to graduate together in May, they still remain the true definition of the cutest couple!

Annie And Kenneth

By Soren Khitikian
Cub Reporter



Kenneth Leon and Annie Torres are the cutest couple at JBHS. They have been dating for over two years, with their anniversary being September 21.

In the near future, Kenneth and Annie's plan is to go to community college together for two years. After these two important years, their plan is to transfer schools. They hope to transfer to the University of Washington and attend there together at their Seattle campus. Kenneth will be studying zoology and Annie will study psychology.

Kenneth and Annie do almost everything together, and are both involved in Journalism and the Divine Feminine club. They are both Seniors; Kenneth is a seventeen-year-old, and Annie is eighteen years old.

Kenneth and Annie met through their mutual friend and had a near-instant connection. Annie thought of Kenneth as a quirky but cute person. They realized they liked each other when they were walking alone together after getting separated from their friend group.

They got together over quarantine about a week after telling each other they liked each other. The day Kenneth popped the question was when they were on a FaceTime call. When he was about to ask, Annie's sister walked into the room. Kenneth talked with the two of them for over an hour, waiting for Annie to be alone so he could ask. "I was pretty bored with it," Kenneth stated, "I just kind of asked without anything special."

Annie and Kenneth's first date was at the Americana. About four months into their relationship, they decided to go and get Annie's sister a present. "We walked around and ate ice cream," Annie recalled, "It was nice to lay next to him on the grass."

Annie and Kenneth love how they have so much in common. Their music taste is very similar and it is easy for them to find. Their songs for each other are "Subwoofer Lullaby" by C418, and "Acolyte" by Slaughter Beach, Dog. Along with music taste, other elements of their personality are the same. Their senses of humor, video game preferences, and clothing are all the same. They even share clothes!

Annie and Kenneth found it scary to meet each other's parents, but both families responded well. Kenneth was scared of Annie's dad at first sight but he ended up being very nice. "His family was very welcoming," Annie recalled.

This couple has been together for two years and four months and will continue to be together for years to come.

Audrey And Rodrigo

By Allie Hunt
Cub Reporter

It's time to introduce John Burroughs High School's favorite Water Polo couple, Audrey Willett and Rodrigo Ramirez. Audrey is seventeen years old and a Junior here at Burroughs and her boyfriend, Rodrigo, is seventeen and a Senior.

Both Audrey and Rodrigo are members of the Varsity Water Polo teams and enjoy baking and cooking. Rodrigo also enjoys snowboarding and is part of the NAF Engineering Academy at JBHS. He hopes to attend college at UCLA or Berkeley and study bioengineering to work in the medical field. Audrey would like to study political science to pursue a career as a press secretary while attending a university such as Berkeley or Pepperdine. She also enjoys reading and is a member of Play Production here at JBHS.

Willett and Ramirez have a super cute story on how they first met, starting at the 2021 pep rally. Rodrigo caught Audrey's eye when he ran around the track as part of the Boys' Water Polo celebration. She asked a friend for his Instagram and followed him.


Photographer: Anne Willett

That summer, Rodrigo and Audrey officially met at the Water Polo training camp and they began following each other on Instagram. Finally, this school year, Rodrigo made a move by asking Audrey to Homecoming. Their first date was dinner at a Korean BBQ restaurant and going to the arcade and Barnes and Noble before the Homecoming dance.

Rodrigo's first impression of Audrey was that she seemed "energetic in a good way" and an "outgoing, overall positive person." According to Audrey, her first impression of Rodrigo was that he looked attractive at last year's pep rally, and she had heard good things from other people in Water Polo.

Rodrigo and Audrey have been officially together for around two months but they have been seeing each other for about four months. When they hang out, the couple enjoy eating food, cooking, and watching movies together. Both Audrey and Rodrigo have little brothers who play volleyball. What a coincidence!

Audrey's favorite thing about Rodrigo is that he is a good listener. Rodrigo's favorite thing about her is that she is compassionate and truthful. Their songs as a couple would be either "Call it Fate Call it Karma" by the Strokes or "Groupie Love" by Lana Del Ray and ASAP Rocky.

Meeting each other's families was a breeze for these two, considering their moms were friends when they were in elementary school. When they met before the couple went off to Homecoming, they couldn't believe who it was. Their moms used to chat and hang out when they would pick up Audrey and Rodrigo from Bret Harte Elementary School. In addition to their moms, their little brothers are already practically best friends. So it's safe to say there is no awkwardness at all between their families.

As for friends, Rodrigo already considers Audrey's friends to be his friends too. Besides their shared friends through Water Polo, Audrey says that all of his friends that she has met have been nice and she hopes to meet more.

We wish this amazing Water Polo couple good luck on all of their future endeavors!

Béla And Jared

By Stephanie Hernandez
News Editor

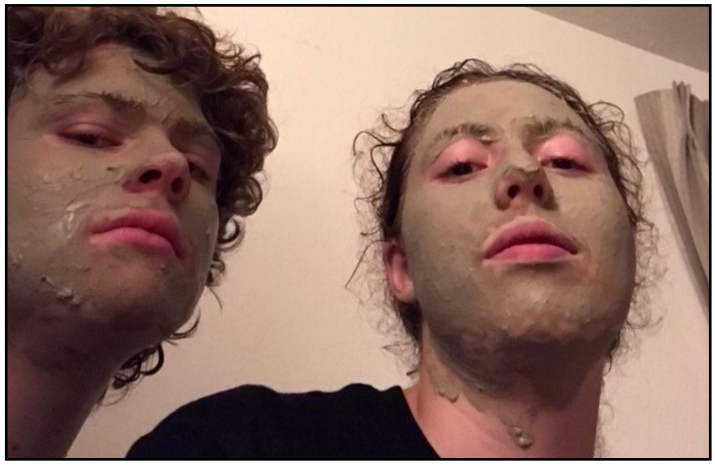
JBHS Seniors Jared and Béla, re among the cutest couples here on campus! These two have been dating for over a year, with their anniversary being November 12, 2021.

They are involved around campus, with Béla serving as a JBHS College Peer Mentor, and Jared participating as a member of the JBHS NAF Engineering Academy.

They first met in Roosevelt elementary school where they gradually grew closer through the years.

Of his first impression of Béla, Jared said, "I don't know what I thought of them. I thought Béla was kind of weird, to be honest." Béla's first impression of Jared was pretty similar, as they were not very close in elementary school.

Béla first asked him out on November 12 to the Palm Cafe to get coffee, but their first official date



was when they went to the JBHS Drama Production of *Puffs*, then Bob's Big Boy.

Jared knew that Béla was the one because "They were so sweet to me and talked to me in a nice tone and respected me."

On their favorite things to do together, Béla shared that "All we do is make food then eat. We also study a lot together, and just hang out."

When Jared first met Béla's parents, he was extremely nervous. "I remember that they were eating leftover Thanksgiving dinner, and I pretty much said that their dad's food was really good the whole time, and he was like 'thanks' and then I became like his favorite person that's ever been to Béla's house. I go there a lot now and the nerves have really calmed down since the first time."

Both of them like each other's friends, agreeing that their significant other's friend groups are both "very nice and interesting."

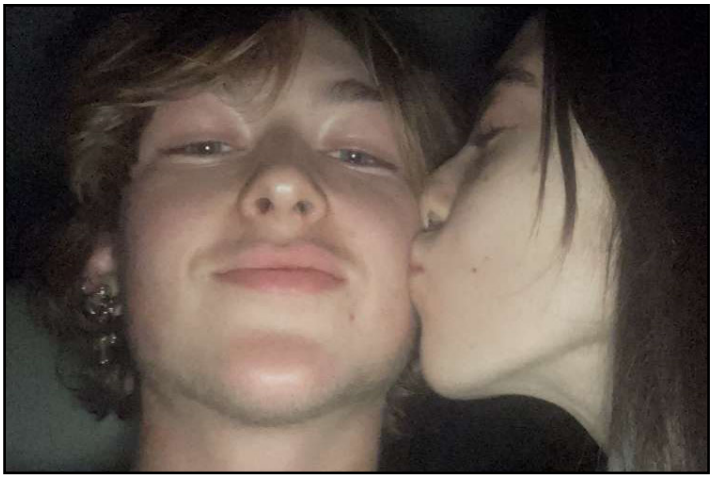
One of their favorite things about each other, Jared said, is "I'm able to tell them what's really going on in my life, and they help with any troubles that are going on and they make me feel listened to. Also, I think that their height is funny."

"For me, it would be his sense of humor, or just the fact that I'm able to be honest with him, without fearing that he would judge me or what's happening to me," said Béla.

Jared and Béla are among the cutest couples here on the JBHS campus! Have a great Valentine's Day!

Scarlett And Shaw

By Chase Bukowski
Cub Reporter



Bradshaw "Shaw" Parsons and Scarlett Acevedo have been together for eight months, initially meeting each other at a party held on the first day of summer. Shaw, a seventeen-year-old skateboarder and active Environmental Cleanup Club member, told *The Paw Print*, "Meeting at a party was unexpected since neither one of us goes to parties very often."

Scarlett, an aspiring actress and former writer of JBHS' very own *Paw Print,* explained, "When I noticed him at the party, I simply walked up to him and asked, 'Your name is Shaw, right?' and the rest is history." She continued, "One of the first things I noticed about Shaw was his sense of style. He really likes to dress up whenever he can, and he is very expressive in what he wears. For the entire party, we just sat and talked; I thought he was a great conversationalist and came off as very smart."

On their first date—the day after they met at the party—Shaw explained that they decided to go bowling. "It was plenty of fun," he said. "Scarlett and I can do just about anything together. One time, we went to a reptile expo in Anaheim; another time, we went to Disneyland. We've even gone go-karting."

When asked how they started dating, Shaw and Scarlett both remarked, "It kinda just happened."

The two noted that they hung out with each other almost every day of the summer, so once they were on the same page, Shaw simply asked just before leaving her house after a day of hanging out. Their anniversary is June 21, 2022.

When asked about his favorite aspects of Scarlett, Shaw told us, "Two of my favorite qualities of her are that she is very open and accepting." Scarlett mentioned, "He is very supportive of anything I want to do, especially my career in acting. We are both very imaginative and creative people; naturally, we like going on adventures and seeing new things, and I love that."

According to the couple, some of their favorite activities include driving to places, watching movies, getting sushi, and spending time with one another. Scarlett recounted how she realized she liked Shaw when she began to regularly look forward to seeing him.

On the topic of meeting each other's parents, an immensely terrifying situation for most couples, Shaw told us, "I was initially pretty intimidated since both of her parents are actors, but I eventually warmed up to them."

On the other hand, Scarlett seems to have had an easier experience meeting Shaw's parents. "Of course, I was a little nervous when the time came to meet his parents. The stressful anticipation of driving up to his house that day was getting to me, but once I met them, I was totally fine. When I first interacted with his moms, I thought they were super nice and welcoming. I enjoyed chatting with them; they are very easy to talk to."

Scarlett, who graduated from Burroughs last year, is currently working at a Mexican restaurant, auditioning for roles, and attending college. Shaw, a Senior this year, is working hard and awaiting graduation.

If you get the chance, wish this couple a Happy Valentine's Day!

Gissele And Ale

By Genesis Martinez
Cub Reporter



One of our cutest couples here at JBHS is Alessandro Flores-Espitia and Lauren Gissele Tohom. Alessandro goes by his nickname Ale and Lauren goes by her middle name Gissele.

Gissele is seventeen years old, is part of the Environmental Cleanup Club, and works at Boba Loca in downtown Burbank. Ale is eighteen and plays soccer. They first met while in the car with friends. Gissele's first impression of Ale was that he was kind of weird because he was overly shy and apologetic. Ale says that he thought she was pretty, which was the reason for his shyness.

Ale asked Gissele out one day while hanging out at her house. They have been dating for almost six months now; their anniversary is on August 23, 2022.

Their first date was in the middle of the night at IHop to get some breakfast. Gissele first knew she was attracted to Ale when she thought he was very funny, super sweet, and treated her like a princess. Ale knew he first liked Gissele when he had fun talking to her. He noted that she was pretty, funny, and had good music taste.

They both like to try new restaurants to eat at and go on TJ Maxx and Burlington shopping trips.

Gissele's favorite thing about Ale are his eyes and smile. Ale's favorite thing about Gissele is her laugh and smile. Things that they have in common is their love for music, fashion, soccer, and RuPaul's Drag Race.

Gissele says their song is "Angel" by The Weeknd; Ale says it's "My Favorite Part" by Mac Miller. Gissele said when meeting Ale's family she was scared at first, but his mom was always super nice to her and his family loves her. Ale said he was nervous when meeting her family but her Dad is funny and they get along well.

Gissele says that Ale's friends are supportive of their relationship and are fun to hang out with. Ale thinks Gissele's friends are fun to be around and are super relatable.

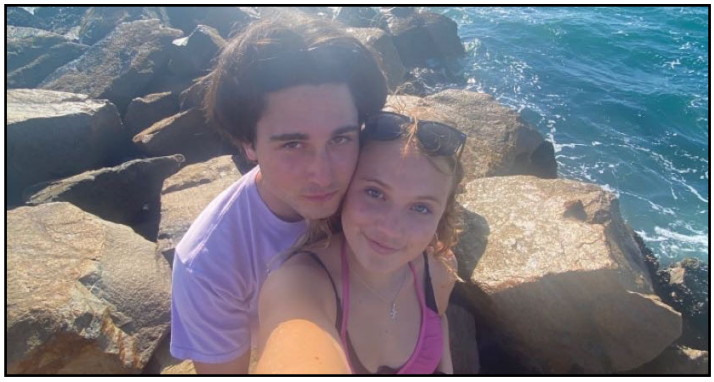
Happy Valentine's day, you two!

Rylee And Cameron

By Hattie Weinroth
Cub Reporter

When it comes to the cutest Senior couples on campus, the duo of Rylee Wilson and Cameron Osborne are definitely in the running.

They are both very active on campus, with involvement in many extracurriculars. Cameron is a first alto saxophone in the Jazz Band Enemble, and Rylee is a member of the Environmental Cleanup Club. They both plan on pursuing higher education, with Rylee hoping to focus on Psychology and Cameron a career in music as well as business.



After first meeting their Junior year on Rylee's birthday, Cameron became familiar with the new girl who would end up being his future girlfriend. Rylee noticed Cameron from seeing him around school, along with the way he would say hi to their mutual friends. They finally got to know each other once they had the opportunity to hang out outside of the school day, which Cameron elaborated on, saying, "We officially met at our friend's house and we just started hanging out and talking. We clicked instantly and by the end of the night I walked her to her car."

The pair's first impressions of one another couldn't have been more different. Rylee said, "At first I thought he was weird and honestly seemed to be mean. I didn't know too much about him so I couldn't really say for sure." Cameron, on the other hand, "thought that she was very pretty and she had this sense of mystery." Luckily things seem to be going really well for them both now!

They finally got together once Cameron asked Rylee out after his birthday party. That was the same day they found out that they had a mutual attraction, and they ended up going out on a dinner date the next weekend.

Cameron said "Our first date was at Tocaya in Studio City. I remember seeing her walk out of her car and I had instant butterflies in my stomach. I was so nervous but as soon as we sat down, we just talked for a long time and the chemistry was just immediate."

When together they love to do anything from watching movies to going to the gym. The couple also loves building Legos together. They spend quite a lot of time outdoors, as they enjoy exploring, going on hikes, and adventuring together. Cameron also said that "we go grubbin," and visit local restaurants together on dates.

One of the common interests that this duo shares is their music taste. They said they both love music, ranging from rock to rap and everything in between. They also like a lot of the same movies, and they both play sports. Cameron plays basketball outside of school, while Rylee plays for the John Burroughs Girls' Soccer Team.

Rylee and Cameron's anniversary is on February 14, so the couple is actually celebrating their one year today. Congratulations to the happy couple, and sending well wishes to many more years!

Kelani And Jett

By Vivian Morse
Online Editor

Sometimes the most important connections we make happen when we are barely old enough to remember them. Senior couple Kelani Roy and Jett Puglisi met each other in kindergarten, and have one of the cutest and most romantic love stories of all time!

These Seniors met very early in their lives, but lost touch with each other in the fourth grade. Kelani ended up moving to another school, and Jett had moved out of the state. Eight years later, the pair miraculously reunited and fell in love.



"When I first saw him, I was just so surprised because of how much he's changed since we were kids," commented Kelani remembering their reunion. "Last I remembered of him was us sharing crayons in class and him handing me a red crayon. Then boom, here he is, standing in front of me with a big smile, almost as if we were kids again. I've never been more excited to re-meet someone all over again."

Puglisi realized that he liked Kelani once he was "able to get her to laugh and genuinely smile because she was shy at first." He continued, mentioning, "I realized we have a lot of the same humor and that she is such a bright, smart, and genuinely fun person to be with."

The couple's first date involved a drive into Hollywood to pick up pizza, where the couple sat on a picnic blanket in the park, looking at the stars and pointing at the constellations.

"[We] ate a whole pizza pie at a park looking at the stars holding each other, [...] and then we left and drove around," explained Jett about the first date.

The couple has been officially dating since September 16th, but have been talking since June. "He told me he's had his eye on me since January, and he's been waiting for me," added Kelani.

"Moonlight on the River" by Mac DeMarco and "Human Race" by Red Rider are songs that the couple love and continually remind them of each other.

Both Kelani and Jett share a love of sports and participate in them at JBHS. Kelani is the Girls' Varsity Soccer Captain, and Jett plays as a wide receiver on the Varsity Football team.

The couple went to Montana on a trip to visit Jett's dad. Kelani's experience of meeting his parents was "very, very terrifying. I was so afraid that they wouldn't like me."

Kelani and Jett undoubtedly love each other very much. "I just fall in love more and more when I talk with her and see her smile," mentioned Jett as he was talking about his girlfriend.

"I love how he's so thoughtful towards everyone and everything. He'll always make sure I'm comfortable or if I'm hungry or cold," mentioned Kelani. "I love how he's so compassionate, not just towards me but towards others in his life, and how he'll go the extra mile for his friends, family, and me."

This couple shares similar interests, hobbies, and evident love for each other. *The Paw Print* wishes them nothing but happiness in the future and all good things to come!

Angela And Nathan

By Molly Boyke
Editor-In-Chief

Valentine's Day has come around once again, and Senior couple Angela Luz-Garcia and Nathan Carmona are perfectly in harmony! Angela and Nathan are well-known in the IMA as the cutest pair around, having been dating for nearly a year-and-a-half.

Angela, a trumpet player in the JBHS Wind Ensemble and Marching Band, is interested in veterinary medicine. Nathan, a trombonist in Wind Ensemble, Marching Band, and Jazz Ensemble, is pursuing neurological sciences.



The two met in Ms. Collins' Earth Space Science class in their Freshman year, where their chemistry was out of this world. "I transferred into her class the second week of the beginning of the school year," said Angela.

Her first impression of Nathan was that he was "Geeky. Super nerdy." Nathan, on the other hand, commented, "I didn't really talk to her, she was the one that talked to me most, because I'm the quiet kid."

Over time, the two grew closer and closer, as they were both in the IMA. Angela explained, "In 9th grade I asked him out inside the bandroom, in the locker rooms, while he was eating ice, but I didn't want him to say anything. I just kinda confessed." During quarantine, her feelings persisted, and Nathan developed some of his own. He commented, "It was something that developed over time."

In summer of last year on Angela's birthday, Nathan explained to Angela that he had feelings for her, and they started dating on July 22nd, 2022. "That was the first time we told each other 'I love you,'" Angela revealed.

What stuck out to Angela about Nathan were "his intelligence, his brain, his quietness, and his independence." For Nathan, he explained, "[I paid attention to] how she expressed herself, her personality. I liked how she was outgoing and really funny overall. The interactions were nice." He later stated, "The one thing I like the most is just her smile. I really love her smile."

As a couple, they love watching movies over Discord or in-person. On occasion, they enjoy baking together, although the results can vary. "One time, we made beignets that were going wrong because we overcooked them," Angela laughed. Nathan clarified that not only were they overdone, they were also "extremely salty." Although the beignets may have been salty, these two are certainly sweet on each other.

Their song is "See You Again" by Tyler, The Creator. Angela and Nathan also enjoy playing collaborative video games such as Roblox together, and "had a Minecraft server at some point."

As is with all couples, meeting the parents is a huge step forward. For Angela, the hardest part was not the actual meeting, but the anticipation: "I met his mom first before he met my mom, and I was nervous, super nervous. I'm still nervous around his mom just because I want to make a good impression." Nathan had a similar experience: "With her mom it was perfectly fine, but with her dad I was really nervous. Because she's told me a lot about him, and I was like 'Oh my god, I'm so scared.' Before we started dating, we went to Round One and that's where I met him, he was just really chill and now we're friendly, we're nice to each other."

The pair is virtually inseparable, and can be seen walking around campus having lunch together and enjoying one another's company. Angela stated, "He's my best friend." Be sure to say hi to Angela and Nathan if you see them around the halls, and wish them a very happy Valentine's Day!

Brynn And Carson

By Meleyna Merino
Cub Reporter

It is that time of year where we recognize the cutest couples, and one of the cutest couples are Brynn Merson and Carson Peltier.

Brynn is a Senior while Carson is in his Freshman year of college.

Brynn is seventeen and Carson is eighteen years old. Brynn is a part of the ASB and Dance Team. The couple met during online school and hit it off. She thought he was nerdy, quiet and funny. He thought she was cute and funny.

Carson asked Brynn out over Facetime. Their first date was at the mall, where they went to the arcade and then bowling. Now, they have been dating for a year and six months. August 4, 2021 is when they officially started dating.



She knew she liked him because they were really good friends at first and would talk all the time, and then she eventually caught feelings for him. He liked her because she would always want to stay up and talk to him and he really enjoyed talking to her.

Her favorite thing about him is that he is really caring and generous, and that is what hooked her. He likes her eyes the most.

They like to go out to eat and listen to one of their favorite artists, Taylor Swift. Their favorite Taylor Swift song is "The Other Side of the Door." Apart from a love for Taylor, they share a love for the Chicago Bulls.

Brynn was nervous about meeting Carson's family. She ended up really liking them because they were really nice toward her and super welcoming. Carson met Brynn's family briefly, but they were very nice and friendly.

Carson has a lot of friends and Brynn has a good connection with a few of them. Brynn talks highly about her friends, which gives Carson a good impression of them.

We at *The Paw Print* wish them a happy Valentine's!

Serena And Max

By Maria Stefani
Cub Photographer

Make way for sweethearts of the century, Serena Raymond and Max Purdy! These two are incredibly interesting individuals who seem to bring out the best in each other.

This couple participates in Play Pro together, in fact, they met during the production of *Shakespeare in Love*. Both agree that this is their favorite class.

Serena is a very talented actress as well as photographer. She is head of the photography section of Yearbook, and takes beautiful photos. She loves Yearbook and all the people she's met in this class.

Max is also an actor as well as a gifted musician. He plays guitar, which caught Serena's eye. He is also a filmmaker and recently



blessed us with a new project advertising *Hamlet*.

Their love story is love at first sight. Max reminisces on the first time he saw Serena and all of the measures he took to find out who she was. "She came into my Spanish class to take a photo, and after classes I went around asking the class if anyone knew her. I couldn't take my eyes off her," he muses.

The first time she saw him was when she took his photo, while he held a guitar. "I thought 'wow he plays guitar. Cool,'" she states.

Eventually Max asked out Serena on a very fun and romantic first date. The couple took the train around Los Angeles and explored Chinatown together. Max lost his bag on the train containing his wallet and valuables, but he expressed that Serena's company completely made up for that, and he remembers the date fondly.

One of the cutest details of their relationship is music. Max crafted The Serena J Raymond playlist. This playlist contains a special list of songs for a very special girl. One of the most special being "Til Kingdom Come" by Coldplay.

Well, these two are just adorable. Be sure to catch them in upcoming Drama productions later this spring!

Lauren And Cooper

By Lucille Burish
Cub Reporter

Lauren and Cooper are Seniors at JBHS who met on Magnolia in eighth grade. They got to know each other through mutual friends, and began dating around August of 2022. Initially, they both found each other to be annoying, but shared a sense of humor that ultimately jump started their friendship.

As they developed a closer relationship, they became best friends. Some of their mutual friends, especially within their friend group, speculated that they had feelings for each other, most likely before Lauren and Cooper realized it themselves. Over the course of their Junior and Senior years, having classes together helped them remain close. When they began liking each other, Lauren said she was attracted to Cooper because "He's tall and with brown hair, and he told me I was pretty and funny."

After a period of uncertainty, Lauren and Cooper openly admitted to each other that they were developing romantic feelings for one other. After a period of time in the "talking stage," their relationship began to get more serious.

When asking to be official, Cooper originally asked Lauren



out the "wrong way." Lauren made him do it again the following day, and that time he brought her favorite snacks to go along with the proposal (who can say no to their favorite snacks?) Obviously, Lauren said yes the second time.

On their first date, Lauren and Cooper went mini-golfing together at Castle Park in Sherman Oaks. Because they had been friends for years earlier, they skipped the awkward stage of getting to know someone and being comfortable with them. Lauren and Cooper have been on several dates since then, such as going to the movies, ice skating, shopping, and going out to eat.

While the transition between a platonic and romantic relationship can have its difficulties, Lauren and Cooper expressed that it felt natural and easy. During their free time together, they like to bake cookies, watch movies, and go on drives. Their favorite things about each other are Lauren's smile and Cooper's eyes!

Lauren and Cooper have a lot in common, including their taste in music, movies, and senses of humor. Their song together is "Lovers Rock" by TV Girl. They share many of the same friends, whom they hang out with in group settings, going roller skating, bowling, etc. They are grateful to have mutual friends, as it is more convenient in maintaining a social life along with getting to spend time with a significant other. Lauren and Cooper also like to double dategoon double dates with friends.

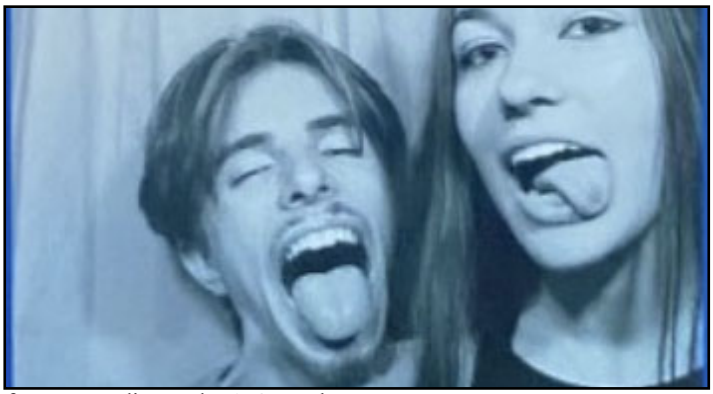
Lauren and Cooper have been introduced to each other's families, and have felt very welcomed and accepted in that regard. They are comfortable attending family gatherings together, and immensely enjoy the company of their families and friends.

They are excited to experience the rest of their Senior year together at Burroughs, and hope to make the most of their last year of high school with themselves and their friends. They plan to attend Senior Night and Prom together, along with the rest of the Class of 2023.

Lauren and Cooper are unsure of where life will take them after graduation, as many of us are, but anticipate all the fun memories they are sure to make over the course of the next semester and summer break of 2023!

Lauren and Cooper are grateful that the school and their mutual friends have brought them closer together. They have so many great memories together and hope to make many more!

Angie And Robert



By Alina Ruiz
Cub Photographer

Angie Georgiev and Robert Petersavage have been dating for a year and three months; the two met in English class eleventh grade, with Miss Zimny.

Angie's first impression of Robert was "Omg he has pretty eyes and nice hair." Robert's first impression of Angie was, "I wanted to talk to her because she'd talk to my other friends, and thought she was pretty." Angie is seventeen, in the Environmental Club, and her future plans are to "Get rich and blow up." Robert is eighteen, in Motocross, and his future plans are to "Bring in bank."

Robert ended up asking Angie out after a Halloween party. They went to Pinocchio's on Magnolia for a cute dinner date! Over the past year they've gone on many adventures together, such as hiking, camping, dirt biking, shopping, and trying new restaurants. Robert and Angie share the same birthday, and have the same taste in humor, music, taste, and film. Robert's favorite characteristic about Angie is "her ability to make me laugh even when I'm in a bad mood." Angie stated, "He knows me too well, I can always be real with him."

When Angie and Robert met each others parents, Angie's main focus was, "I was super nervous but excited, wondering what they'd think about me is what I was thinking the most." Robert was more relaxed when it came to meeting parents, but petrified about meeting Angie's older brother, "Meeting her mom was so nice, shes a very sweet lady obviously, but I was terrified to meet her older brother though."

Angie's song for Robert is "Everlong," by the Foo Fighters, and Roberts song for Angie is "Rosemary," by Deftones.

Robert and Angie get along in many different ways, including with each other's friends. "I like his friends, they're fun and wild," stated Angie. Robert added, "I get along with Angie's friends also, I love the group setting."

Robert and Angie plan on branching out, eating new things, explore, grow together, and get ting rich and blowing up.

Hattie And Chase



Photographer: Joya Weinroth

By Montana Benz
Cub Reporter

With all the love floating around this time of year, its the perfect time for to recognize some of our couples on campus! Hattie Weinroth and Chase Bukowski, both Seniors at JBHS, have been dating for a year and four months, and are truly the cutest couple. The two met through an awkward interaction in their Freshman year, when a friend of Hattie's exposed her feelings towards Chase. But following that, Chase and Hattie didn't start actively talking until the end of ninth grade, through an introduction from a friend.

Chase is an active participant in the Environmental Cleanup Club. He also thoroughly enjoys reading and writing in his spare time, and practices playing guitar. Chase plans to get into a college of his choice, and further his education in psychology or computer science. Hattie is the Creative Director of *The Paw Print*, as well as in the Environmental Cleanup Club. She spends her time as a barista working at a local coffee shop and plans to continue her education in environmental studies or psychology.

Following their introduction, Hattie's first impressions of Chase were, "he was very put together, I had never been able to hold a conversation with someone the way I had with Chase," as well as mentioning that he was a lookalike for a well known character on Criminal Minds, Spencer Reid.

For Chase, he recognized "that she was very engaging, I fondly remember when we would stay up late talking about famous criminals, her favorite TV shows, and interesting types of sustainable architecture." Together, they were able to strengthen their bond through the common interests they shared.

After being friends for over a year and on-and-off flirting, they started hanging out, and once their friends had stepped out of the room, Hattie said, "he kissed me and we both laughed about how long we both waited to do that." Soon after, Chase asked Hattie to be his date to Homecoming, and to be his girlfriend, and they have been together since.

At the start of their relationship, they didn't go on many "traditional" dates other than Homecoming. Their first date was going thrifting and then going to get ice cream after. Currently, their favorite activity is cooking; they enjoy having little nights where they make a small dinner and watch movies or binge shows together. They also love going to the park, reading books and catching up, or just talking. The two spend lots of simple time together, doing homework, hanging out with their families, and just staying at home.

After spending so much time together, they learned to appreciate the small things in each other, Chase expresses his favorite quality about Hattie is "her inspiring drive to plan for the future and achieve her goals. No matter how difficult a certain period of time can be, Hattie always seems to see past the haze and build upon the futures many possibilities in a most conductive to her vision."

Hattie follows this by saying, "his genuine smile is one of my favorites. It's not the smile he uses in pictures, its the smile you get when you make him really laugh or show him a cute cat."

The best couples have the best songs, and this rings true for Chase and Hattie. Hattie says that the song that reminds her the most of Chase is, "I am the Walrus" by The Beatles, but their song together would have to be "Soren" by Beabadoobee.

Together Hattie and Chase share so much compassion for each other and have so much in common; it's clear to see that they represent one of the cutest couples here at JBHS.

Valentine's Day

Savannah And Derek

By James Reid
Copy Editor


Photographer: Gissela Rendon

Meet Savannah Stotts and Derek Lang, one of Burroughs' Senior couples this year! Involved in Yearbook, the Environmental Cleanup Club, and other programs here on campus, they are undeniably one of the most outgoing and recognizable couples here. Even more recognizable is their phenomenal work within our community.

Having initially met in ninth grade, they didn't feel an immediate connection. However, over the course of a few months, that slowly began to change. "I think we can both say that we were kind of annoyed with each other when we first met," said Savannah.

"We initially didn't have the fondest idea of each other," added Derek. "We each thought that the other person was weird, or off, and I think it lasted like six months until we became closer friends."

Throughout the pandemic the following year, they grew even closer, using FaceTime calls as a way to connect with one another. "We got really close over quarantine," said Derek. "Then once things eventually started to open up, like January, February, and March of 2021, we started progressively hanging out more and more." "I had already liked him for a really, really long time," added Savannah. "At some point we just went to the park with our friends, and he and I talked the whole time, and then he came over to my house the next day, and then two weeks later, I went to Big Bear with his family."

Today, that care for each other hasn't changed. They hang out all the time, and are always trying new and exciting activities together. "I've found that I really like to eat with Derek," said Savannah. "I really like to try new foods with him, go out to new places, or even if it's just at home, it's like, 'oh, let's try this new hot chocolate that we bought from Trader Joe's,' or something like that." "I think one of the main bonding experiences we have is when we're traveling," added Derek. "Everywhere I travel, she travels with me, and vice versa." They are very fortunate to be able to do this, and have traveled to amazing places together, such as Hawaii, Mexico, and Colorado.

While they love everything about each other, there's one quality they each see in each other that is above the rest. "My favorite thing about Savannah is definitely her perspective on life," said Derek. "There can be really 'unimportant' things, but somehow, in her view, she manages to make the best of little, tiny situations. It brings little glimpses of joyness into everyday life that would typically be overseen."

"My favorite part about Derek is the fact that he is so open to learning and trying new things," said Savannah. "He is so adventurous, and as someone who can be timid sometimes it helps to get me out of my shell. He always has some interesting, new fact to tell everyday, or is so willing to do and listen to things he has never seen, heard, or done before."

As previously mentioned, they also participate in many extracurriculars together, and enjoy helping out in the community. Together they founded the Environmental Cleanup Club, a club here on campus that serves to better the environment by allowing students to travel to different natural areas and collect scattered trash. This is an amazing opportunity for students to not only earn service hours, but also to reconnect with nature by visiting some of the most beautiful places in the Los Angeles area. And even more than that, all who participate get to make a difference for the environment!

In conclusion, Derek Lang and Savannah Stotts are one of the most dynamic couples here at JBHS. Together, they have accomplished amazing things for our school and community, and will undoubtedly continue to do so throughout the rest of their Senior year. We could not be more grateful to have them as members of the JBHS family. Thank you Savannah and Derek, and go Bears!

To: Grace Nguyen
From: Bryan Yoon
Message: Hey Grace, I wanna thank you for being such a close and hilarious friend all these years, but I'm sorry to say you're still short.

To: Tati Cruz
From: Bryan Yoon
Message: I hope that your future is a rewarding one, because you have been an amazing friend. I'm honestly glad to be considered one of your friends.

To: Charles Powell

From: Charles Powell

Message: Hi from past me!

To: Andre Suarez
From: Bryan Yoon

Message: Hey my tall brother, thank you for being such a reliable friend in recent years. P.S. We both know I'm taller.

To: Isabela Copano
From: Jolie LeRoy
Message: I like you IG

To: Charles Powell

From: Charles Powell

Message: Hi again! Wow, I sure am lonely :(

Burbank's Los Anarchists Roller Derby

By Editorial Staff

Burbank's Los Anarchists Roller Derby team builds community on and off the track! Located at the rink in Ralph Foy Park and open to anyone ages five to seventeen, the team boasts years of experience.

Roller derby is a contact sport played on roller skates. Derby games are called bouts, and consist of two thirty minute periods composed of two minute games called "jams." The team starts with four players, called "blockers," on defense and one player, the "jammer," playing offense. The jammer m must stay upright while attempting to pass the blockers. Points are awarded for how many laps are made by the jammer.

A staple of derby culture is the derby name. Derby players choose their own derby names, usually consisting of a play on words or something bearing emotional significance.

There are four different teams that are offered depending on age and skill level: the youngest team, The Anar-kitties, the intermediate team, LA Havoc, the advanced team, LA Revolt, and the highest level of play, the Los Anarchists travel team.

The man who runs this league is Anthony Gulino, known on the track as "Wuacamolé." He has been a big part of the Burbank Roller Derby world for several years. When his daughter, Gabriella Gulino, known as Mount Crushmore, was on the team, they won the World Championship in 2019. After COVID and players aging out impacted the program, the league is rebuilding, attempting to get the current team to that same level.


Photographer: Ruben Acosta

While his daughter has aged out of the Los Anarchists program, both father and daughter are very invested in roller derby. Gabriella was at the bout on Saturday, January 21st, working as a referee.

Anthony Gulino was also present, and gave insight on why he loves derby and what the sport has done for him and his family. “I got a great deal of satisfaction from it. In a way I feel like I owe it, because we had such a tremendous experience being in the league,” he said. Anthony values working with the dedicated players, parents, and volunteer staff of Los Anarchists.

One of the players, Finn García, also known as Finn del Mundo, feels a similar connection to the sport. A Senior at JBHS, Finn started skating in June 2019 and joined Los Anarchists in June 2021. “I live for the small moments of fame, the things I do in every practice or game where I adequately prepare and execute.”

Finn says that derby has helped both his mind and body's strength greatly. It gave him a better mindset in general and will always hold a special place in his heart. Finn skates with the Los Anarchists Travel Team, traveling out of state for tournaments every month during the derby competition season, which goes from January to July each year.

Los Anarchists also hosts summer camps from June 19th to 23rd and July 31st to August 4th for this coming summer. These are roller skating enrichment camps, not only for training, but also for bonding. Special instructors frequently come in and teach fun things like hula-hoop skating and how to dance on roller skates. Once a day, the league also invites parents who have art backgrounds to do enrichment art with the campers. Art lessons in the style of Kandinsky, Van Gogh, and others have been introduced to children as young as five.

Interested skaters may register through the Burbank Parks & Rec website: burbankparks.com.

The goal of Los Anarchists is to provide opportunities for youth to learn and compete in the sport of Roller Derby. Los Anarchists offers Derby beginner/intermediate sessions on Sundays at 9:30 AM. The first session is free. They also have loaner skates and gear available for free. They can be contacted at losanarchists@gmail.com for more information and to reserve a spot.

This team is definitely one of Burbank's hidden gems making a difference in our community.

To: Maria Stefani
From: Sam Owen
Message: Happy Valentine’s Day sweetheart! You are the most amazing person and I love you more than you could ever imagine!

To: Sam Owen, Zane Hodnett, and Elijah Gonzalez
From: Noah Ferguson
Message: Potato potato.

To: Molly Boyke
From: Anonymous
Message: Hi a Molly Maniac here. Molly Boyke is the best person ever!!! Happy Valentine's Day!!
- A Molly Maniac

To: Emmi Mayers
From: Ely Peña
Message: Hi Emmi! I love you so much and thank you for being there for me
:)

To: The Duke Of Darlings, Fitz
From: Vivian Morse and Molly Boyke
Message: Keep slaying king! We see you and we love you.

To: Leilani Arriaga
From: Anonymous
Message: Happy Valentine’s Day, and thanks for bringing the best out of me!

Baseball

By Katie Baum
Sports Editor

The John Burroughs Varsity Baseball team continued their march towards opening day with yet another pre-season win on January 18th, this time over Monrovia.

Dominating the pre-season, the team is well on their way to defending their CIF-SS Championship title with Pitcher Nick Forrest saying, “I think the team has potential, we just have to bring it together as a whole and then I think we can get really far.”

While the team did claim the title last year, it has had no effect on their drive and determination to prove this year’s team is as successful as the last. When asked how the team is preparing, Shortstop Steven Suarez explained, “we put in a lot of work at practice and in the weight room, doing the little things so that we can get it right in the game, just repetition to keep everything consistent.”

Despite the recent success, no team is immune to adversity, and according to Outfielder Mason Mahay, “baseball is a mental sport 100%, so you just gotta keep a clean slate, don’t get too high, don’t get too low, just try to stay humble throughout the entire thing.”

A part of the team's success can be attributed to focusing on team goals over individual accomplishments. “If one man's down, everyone is down, if one man's up, everyone is up,” Second Baseman Nate Chapman added. “We just try to stay together as one big team and one big family.”

The team is fortunate to have a roster full of extremely talented players, but what really makes the JBHS Varsity Baseball team a contender is the strong team chemistry that’s apparent to anyone who watches this team play. “We’re just a close knit group, you know? We’re all friends in and out of the field. We’ll get team lunches and dinners, try to build that friendship up.” Outfielder and pitcher Sebastian Zamora described. “We’re family here and nothing but love.”

Come support the team as they embark on another championship season.

Good luck, and go Bears!



Photographer: Katie Baum

Girls Soccer

By Malia Harney
Cub Reporter

The JBHS Girls’ Soccer team is looking to finish the season strong with high hopes for upcoming games. They have proven to be successful as they are 12-6-1 overall and 9-4-1 in the Pacific League.

After a tough loss to Arcadia, who are 12-1-1 in League, the Bears came back and won three games in a row, including a fantastic win against the Burbank Bulldogs 6-0 this past week. They are hoping to keep the winning streak rolling into CIF Playoffs. Although they’ll be competing against some tough teams, they’re determined to fight back in order to achieve positive results.

Team chemistry is one of the positive things that Senior Team Captain Kelani Roy sees this year.

"Having twelve experienced Seniors on the team is definitely one reason for that," Kelani remarks. “For a group of girls who haven’t been playing that long with each other, we are doing extremely well and it’s coming together quite nicely.” She believes they have a great shot of making it far this year and doing well in League.

So far, the team has only lost four league matches. The Crescenta Valley Falcons gave them a tough match, which resulted in a 1-2 loss for the Bears, and the aforementioned Arcadia losses. In their rematch against CV, Burroughs was able to pull off a tie.

Sophomore, Quiana Laughlin, leads the team, averaging 2.3 goals per game. Nadia Aguilar, Kelani Roy, Julia Narmore, and Graciela Gomez are all next up and have at least eight points for this season.

To Kelani, soccer teaches more than just the physical parts of the game. Being aware of herself and the confidence that she needed in order to step it up were very important to the evolution of her game. She states, “I improved in soccer really with self confidence and self trust. I learned that if you are unable to trust yourself, then it's going to be very hard to play well.”

Additionally, she believes that the key to playing well is having self confidence and knowing your limits.

With three assists, Kelani leads the team and hopes to keep it up in upcoming games. Along with Kelani Roy, Julia Narmore and Nicole Jimenez are both captains who want to end the season with a “bang!”

If you’re looking to support the Girls’ Soccer team, they have at least one playoff game left this season, but will hopefully continue on past that!

Be sure to wish the Bears good luck!

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Boys Soccer

By Grace Barton
Cub Reporter

The John Burroughs Boys' Varsity Soccer team has had a great start to their season with three wins so far! This puts them at fourth place in the Pacific League right behind Burbank High School. The Varsity Soccer team has worked hard to make this one of their best seasons and starter Alex Loera has high hopes for them.

Alex Loera is a Sophomore that has been a starter on Varsity for his two years at Burroughs. The starting position didn't get handed to him, he says, "I became a starter by working hard in practices and playing my best when I got on the field." He's been playing soccer since he was just two years old. He stated, "I have improved by lots of training and practicing for many hours."

Loera is a midfielder and striker and one of the top scorers on the team with six goals along with Dominic Quijada with two. While the team strives for wins this season the players have individual goals themselves. Alex Loera says his goal is,"to get top three in league with the team."

Daniel Proano is a starter and one of the Captains of the Boys' Varsity Soccer team. His main goal is to "make playoffs." The other seniors playing alongside Daniel Proano this year consist of Lucca Tarca, Mario Herrera, Michael Varela, Joseph Witrago, Tony Villanueva, Manny Hooshivar and Andy Rodas.

Their new coach Makan Afzali has made a huge impact on this team. He says "Have pride, respect and work hard." The new coach has brought different tactics and coaching methods for them to utilize and brings an uplifting mindset to the team. The overall goal of the team this season is secure a playoff spot and be a positive force when the step on the field.

Makan Afzali also helps coach the JV team. His passion for soccer developed just when he was a kid and has been playing ever since. He also coaches outside of John Burroughs for a club team. He started off as the Assistant Coach at Cresenta Valley, where he attended and graduated from. He has also attended CSUN and Glendale Community College. His work ethic is a great example to his players and says, "I have the personality to push people to accomplish good things in their lives."

Sophomore Christopher Reyes is the goalkeeper this year on the team. His goals are to "improve the team defensively and offensively with my experience and knowledge." He has been playing competitively for seven years, and has improved individually by "practicing, watching every game and knowing what I needed to get better on and also by studying pros and other players."

Reyes believes that if they play with all they've got, every game they play will get good results and show that they are a team to make playoffs. Their next games are against Cresenta Valley (away), Pasadena (home), Arcadia (away), and Burbank (home). We wish them the best of luck for the rest of their season. Go Bears!

Burbank Unified Color Guard

By Anita Hernandez
Cub Reporter

For the first time ever, Burbank's two high schools are joining forces, creating a Burbank/Burroughs Winter Color Guard squad. The name "Burbank Unified" perfectly fit their mission. To be a unified group of both schools and work together to create a successful Winter Guard season.

The Color Guard Coach, Cythia Diaz says "this is a once in a lifetime opportunity." Burbank High School's Amelia Adamczewski says the merger is, "really fun… we should have done this sooner." Hopefully Burbank Unified stays unified in the next few generations.

Their numbers are strong, with eighteen talented members. As a Color Guard member myself, writing this article is very special to me and it's important that I correctly describe how the merger has been for Burroughs, as well as Burbank's experience. Burbank's Color Guard Captain Allie Moskowitz stated, "I'm excited, this is fun."Along the way, there have been some bumps but Coach Diaz is "always encouraging the squad to stay positive."

Getting used to the different ways both teams have done things for so long is a challenge for anyone. The attitudes, learning experiences, and environments have been different. Isabel Guzman says, "the experience is unique." But the result is friendship, love and family, and that's definitely worth it. Burbank High School's Sami Harvel says "They're all good people. I like the merger, it gives me the chance to talk to others schools and meet new people."

Working with Burbank has been really great, seeing how Burbank and Burroughs are both different and similar is fascinating. Exploring a new campus can be both intimidating and thrilling. Being the first to be part of the Burbank Unified team is definitely one for the history books.

This season is going to be very different. For the first time since Freshman year for some Seniors, it feels like a true guard again. After COVID-19, they worried the JBHS Color Guard program would fade out. Too many people don't have any idea what Color Guard is, what they do, or how hard they work. That's the thing about unique sports; no matter how many people love the sport, it's nothing without members. Around this time last year, Burroughs only had about six members.

Double-digit members are intimidating when being part of a small guard for so long, but teamwork and communication are key for a successful guard. Coach Diaz has been in the Color Guard world for almost fifteen years, with the talent and skills to prove it. She believes "this has been an emotional journey to get this far and continuing to be cohesive…being in the program since I was their age and now seeing them here it's an amazing experience."


Photographer: Brandon Cordoba

The guard is spending Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays practicing. Their practices on weekdays consist of stretching, crossing the floors (dance movement), doing flag work, and then weapon work.

On Saturdays they work on drill, which is the placement of the members on the floor during a performance. These placements are essential to their synchronization. They memorize more than sixty different positions for a performance, remembering them when throwing, spinning, and catching rifles, sabers, flags, and swing flags, along with the dance routine.

Color Guard is not for the weak, but this team is staying strong and practicing hard. Be sure to support the Burbank Unified Color Guard as they head into a great competition season!

Girls Basketball

By Zoe Belknap
Cub Reporter


Photographer:'Big' Percy

After months and months of practicing, The JBHS Girls' Varsity Basketball team proved how dedicated and talented they are, having gone 18-10 overall and 12-2 in the Pacific League this season.

The team has collected many wins this season. Their first win in 2023 was against Crescenta Valley on January 3rd. It was a tight game with a score of 46-44. In this match, Senior Izzy Roderick scored 15 points, Ivana Razov scored 11 points, and Mariam Fahs scored 10 points.

After that, they won against Glendale High School on January 5th, with a score of 56-50. In that game, Malia Harney scored 19 points, Skylar Cafferty 14 points, and Izzy Roderick 11 points.

Notably, they also won their big game against Burbank High School on January 13th with a score of 60-41. In that game at BHS, stars Rachel Little and Malia Harney both scored 22 points.

Additionally, they took the win over Pacifica High on January 14th, with a score of 48-24 and Hoover with a score of 70-15.

They continued with a blowout 70-15 win against Hoover on the 17th, 56-13 win against Muir on the 20th, and a 61-31 win against Pasadena on the 22nd.

Sadly, their hopes for a Pacific League Championship were squashed by a loss against CV on the 24th, 63-52. They'll still be going to playoffs during February, so keep an eye out for future games!

This wonderful season would not have been possible without the guidance of their coach Vicky Oganyan, who has been coaching basketball at Burroughs since 2004.

Senior Ivana Razov mentioned, "She works really hard to make us the best we can." Freshman Malia Harney adds, "She teaches the team a lot of lessons on and off the court."

Of course, the team has also gotten a lot of guidance from their captains Izzy Roderick and Ivana Razov. Point Guard Malia Harney eagerly brought up these two outstanding players, saying, "Our Captains are the best. They always display good leadership skills and push us to be better."

When asked about the season, Malia mentioned, "The season has gone great so far and it's only getting better. We're becoming tougher and learning how to come back after hard losses. I think we have a great chance of making it to the playoffs if we keep it up."

She adds, "Our team is improving more and more as the season is going by. We're learning how to be stronger both by coming out with positive energy and hustling on the court and learning how to work together to strive for what we all want."

When asked about goals, many members of the team mentioned that their goals are to both improve as athletes while also improving their mental game. That means being able to handle pressure and perform your best no matter what.

No matter what happens, we at *The Paw Print* are so impressed with the work the Girls' Varsity Basketball team has done this season!

Boys Basketball

By Brooke Bailey
Feature Editor

It is that time of year again, folks! Rival season is upon us.

Though our Burroughs Bears were defeated against the Burbank Bulldogs on Friday, January 13, 2023 at 7:00PM, the players were proud of the game that they played and are more than happy to have another shot at the game this season.

This game, played Thursday, February 2, was where our Bears got to show exactly what they were made of. They came out and fought hard, and did the best that they could!

The win ended with a 4 point lead in a 75 - 71 final score.

Senior Captain Samuel Horning goes on to add his thoughts of the game: "I think I played well. Given the circumstances, I played how I was supposed to. My teammates were the main factor of helping me get the ball into the hoop. Especially with Chase and his lobs. With this being my last game I went into this last match knowing that I had to ball out and you know go out with a bang." Sam dropped a total of 34 points and was not the only player who wanted to give his insight on the game.

Junior Co-Captain Chase Kardosh adds on, "I played a good game, I let the game come to me naturally and it worked into my favor. I started the game off with 10 points in the first quarter helping our momentum get up. Finishing with 20 points, I was proud of how I played. And being able to get the win vs my former school was the greatest achievement. My favorite moment from the game was seeing the clock run out and the student section storm the court yelling with excitement."

This was an amazing way to end their season with the biggest win at their home court. They left everything they had on the court.

Senior Co-Captain Elden Jackson had several good plays. He also stated, "We've been waiting for this rematch for about three weeks and yesterday was finally the day we could get back in blood at home. We were upset that we were probably not going to be able to play at home because of the rain damage but we were thankful our admins came in clutch and fixed it for us. For this game we all really wanted this win and it showed on the court. With it being our last game as Seniors we wanted to go out with a bang. We have all grown to be close brothers and always will be. I'll always remember this group of boys. During the game I focused on getting rebounds and steals and I finished off with 7 rebounds and 4 steals."

Our boys got the redemption they deserved taking the Burbank Bulldogs at home, as their last game and on their Senior Night could not have been a better time and place to do so.

What a great way to end our Varsity Basketball season!

GO BEARS!


Photographer: Anthony Kardosh

To: Nyah Broadway
From: Aiden Vice
Message: I saw this booth Jamyle said it was a good idea lol. Here's a graham cracker I think I am so tired have an awesome day.

Girls Water Polo Wins Pacific League!

By James Reid
Copy Editor

This year, the Varsity Girls' Water Polo team started the year off strong and have only gotten stronger since, currently holding an overall record of 13-7 and a fantastic league record of 7-0, seating them as the top team in the Pacific League. While they have had some ups and downs, it has been a spectacular season for our Bears, and they have fought tooth and nail to prove their prowess in the water.

Following their first tournament of the season, they pulled an impressive victory against the Marlborough School in a Non-League home game on December 8th. Maintaining their streak from the Claremont Tournament, where they only lost one game, they won 12-11, and made a great showing for themselves against the Mustangs!

Their next game ended in defeat against Edison High School in a neutral tournament game on December 9th, which they lost 12-3. They were not deterred, and carried on into the next game.

Their next game, sadly, also ended in defeat for the Bears. They put up a good fight, but ultimately lost 13-8 in an away tournament against Irvine High School on December 9th after their match with Edison.

Their luck changed shortly thereafter, though, when they secured a 10-5 victory against El Dorado High School at an away tournament game on December 9th. This was their third game of the day, and allowed them to take a well-deserved win.

The team's trust in one another and overall synergy were major factors for them in beating El Dorado. "I think what made us play really well in our games was our confidence in each others' and our own abilities," said Mindy Hernandez, a Senior on the team. "Our coach Martin really encourages us to play with pride, and that's what we did. No one expected someone else to do whatever job for them."

"But another important factor that made us so successful is our not-so-secret-secret weapon, Ms. Nancy Baylor," she added. "She's an absolute maniac in the water and the best Team Captain anyone could ask for."

Following their big win against El Dorado, they unfortunately lost 12-9 at an away tournament game against Yorba Linda High School on December 10th. They also lost 15-11 in a heartbreaking Non-League home game against Notre Dame High School on December 13th.

However, their luck would quickly turn around when they clawed out a decisive 11-7 victory against South Pasadena at a Non-League away game on December 15th. This was a spectacular match for our Bears, and allowed them to showcase their fearless expertise.

A little while later, on January 3rd, the Bears played their first game of 2023 in a home League game against Arcadia, taking the win by one point in a 14-13 victory. This was one of the Bears' closest matches.

"I believe as a team we've really come a long way," said Senior Team Captain Nancy Baylor. "After losing a lot of Seniors last year, our team is very young, so they've really had to fill in large roles, and have done such a great job. As a unit, we're working really hard and learning to read each other inside the pool. So far we're undefeated in League, and are striving to keep it that way."

The Bears then went on to take two landslide victories against Hoover and Glendale. Their first game, an away League game with Hoover on January 5th, saw the Bears clawing their way to a 17-6 victory. They followed this up on January 10th at a home League game against Glendale, which they won in an unrelenting 18-6 victory.

Unfortunately, the Bears' next game ended in defeat when they lost 7-6 at a Non-League home game against Birmingham High School on January 11th. Regardless, they pushed forward into their next game.

The Bears went on to play an away League game against Crescenta Valley High School on January 12th. They took home the victory with a final score of 10-5, and continued their winning streak within the Pacific League.

"CV was a huge game for us," said Sophomore Ava Tomlinson. "We knew we had to win. We took that energy and came through and ended up playing the best game of our entire season so far. CV was a defiant game that helped our team, and we just grew as a team a lot after that."

Following their win against Crescenta Valley, the Bears played two games that resulted in major victories for them. The first was an away League game against Muir High School on January 17th, which they won 23-8, absolutely dominating their opponents in every play they made. Their second victory was in a home League game against Pasadena High School on January 19th, in which they crushed their opponents with an impressive 27-1 win. These games were incredible, and showed just how talented and coordinated our Bears truly are.

Their next game was at home on January 21st in a Non-League game against La Cañada High School, where they suffered a 11-6 defeat. Our Bears refused to stay down for long though, and proudly continued into their next game, which would be one of the most important games of their season.

On January 25th, the Bears squared off against Burbank High School at home for their final League game of the regular season. Although the pressure was on for this game, the Bears kept their composure, and slammed Burbank in an 18-6 victory. This was a huge moment for the team, as they not only overcame their rival school, but also kept their perfect Pacific League record.

"I'm happy with the way we played and the outcome of the game," said Junior Audrey Willett. "We did what we wanted to and were able to fix our mistakes from other games to lead to the last win of our regular season!"

All in all, we could not be prouder of our Girls' Water Polo team. They have done an amazing job this season, and represented Burroughs with pride in every game they've played. We wish them the best of luck going into their playoffs, and know that they will do outstanding. Go Bears!

To: Hattie Weinroth
From: Chase Bukowski
Message: Happy Valentine's Day, Hattie! It seems like it was just yesterday since we first met, but time has flown by so unbelievably fast and we've made so many beautiful memories with many more to come. I love you so much, Ducky!

To: Chase Bukowski
From: Hattie Weinroth
Message: Chase, you are the beary best! You are my favorite companion for picnics, New Girl binge sessions, and long chats about literally anything. I love you to the moon and back. Muah!

To: Lila Hoeschler

From: Ashley Martin

Message: If I were a cat, I'd spend all of my nine lives with you. (I couldn't think of a good pickup line.)

To: James Reid
From: Axeknee
Message: $p = mv$,
$F_{NET}=\Delta p/\Delta t \rightarrow ma = m(\Delta v/\Delta t)$
For elastic collisions (kinetic energy is conserved):
$\frac{1}{2} m_1 v_1^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2^2$,
For head on collisions with an object at rest:
$v_1 = (m_1 - m_2 / m_1 + m_2) v_1$ and
$v_2 = (2m / m_1 + m_2) v_1$

Celebrating Valentine's Economically

By Chase Bukowski
Opinion Editor

As Valentine's Day rolls around, so does the stress of scrambling to find suitable gifts for your partner. Many worry about the money they are spending—whether or not what they are buying is expensive enough to impress their lover—as if money is the only way to achieve that wonderful feeling of excitement and validation.

The expectations we hold ourselves to can do a lot more harm than good, especially for those who don't find themselves with a lot of money to buy flashy, extravagant gifts. Fortunately, meaning and emotional value aren't dependent on an abstract number like the ones we set to determine monetary worth. Instead of fretting about the cash we have in our pockets, we can be creative.

The best thing to do, no matter how much money you have, is get a gift that is meaningful to you and your partner's relationship in some capacity. You might share laughs over an inside joke or know something about your partner's favorite animals, so finding something representative of it, be it a piece of writing, a shirt, or a stuffed animal, is the best thing you can do to get a guaranteed positive response.

Another thing you can do merely involves patience and a drive to go outside: picking flowers. Though the flowers you find outside might not be as "perfect" as the ones you buy in a shop, the message conveyed by the act of doing it yourself conveys to your partner that you love and care about them enough to take the time to do something thoughtful and original.

For many, Valentine's Day is a time for going out and having an elegant dinner. The problem, though, is that checks can add up, especially if you're trying to be impressive. If a fancy dinner isn't on the horizon due to its cost, you can always just stay in and make your own. Not only is cooking a great way to bond and spend time with your partner, but it is also an excellent way to share your love and have fun. If your cupboards are scarce, walk or drive to the nearest grocery store with a theme of food in your head—Italian cuisine, for instance—and select all of the ingredients to make a particular dish of your selected category (A good formula to follow: one partner picks appetizers and beverages, and the other grabs entrees and desserts).

Finally, if neither you or your partner have a lot of money, there is nothing wrong with simply spending time together. In general, your partner's company should probably be the most valuable thing in your relationship. Together, you can do anything, such as having long conversations, going on walks, or just sitting down and watching a movie together. Love isn't just about spending money or fulfilling the image the world tells you you need to abide by; love is subjective and created by the emotions of those that care for each other.

If you ever find yourself scrambling to decide what to get your perfect someone, just remember that you have an abundance of memories and time to fall back on. Happy Valentine's Day, Bears!

Beary Good Advice

Q: How do I ask my best friend who's also my crush to be my valentine?

A: All you need to do is have a simple conversation in which you are genuine and honest about your feelings. If you want, you could also give them a thoughtful gift! It could be flowers, candy, or you can make something personal.

Q: Where should I take my girlfriend for Valentine's Day?

A: It really depends on her personality and what she likes but here are a few cute ideas: picnic, bookstore, and coffee date, bake, go thrifting, watch a movie, go to the beach, or go out to eat. You can make a great Valentine's date by combining any of these ideas together and putting your own spin on them with games and such.

Q: I don't have a Valentine, what should I do for Valentine's Day?

A: You don't need a Valentine to have a great Valentine's Day! Go on a fun date with your best friends and celebrate your love and friendship. Or, you can take yourself on a date (buy yourself flowers and your favorite meal)!

Q: I still haven't gotten my boyfriend anything for Valentine's Day! What do I get him?

A: It depends on his preferences but you could easily get him a bunch of his favorite snacks and for something more personalized you can always make him something special. Sculpt something with some air dry clay, paint something, and if you're really crafty maybe make him a bracelet. If you aren't an arts and crafts person you can always opt for a book, game, or something else you can pick up at a store.

Q: What can I surprise my girlfriend with on Valentine's Day? (She doesn't like flowers.)

A: Make her something! Creating something is the perfect way to wow your girlfriend with something cute, thoughtful, and personalized. You could make paper flowers, cards, a trinket tray, or something else.

-Allie Hunt, Bearer of Advice

Need some advice? Go to: https://forms.gle/jihdkuyTFSWWzHwWA

Best Restaurants for Valentine's Day

By Andrea Perez
Cub Reporter

Love is in the air, and one love all of us have in common is food! Date or no date, you should be able to treat yourself and that special someone to a nice meal on this special day of love. But the most asked question is: What is the best place to go out to eat in Burbank?

Don Cuco in downtown Burbank is a great place to enjoy a nice flavorful meal. First and foremost, the dimly lit restaurant provides a nice romantic atmosphere. Not to mention the decor inside and beautiful stained class really adds to the ambiance.

The food is really delicious, and most people recommend the steak fajitas and a hot cup of albondiga soup. Who doesn't love good Mexican food and some chips and salsa?

Don Cuco is open from 11AM to 9PM on Sunday through Thursday and from 11AM to 10PM on Friday's and Saturday's.

Another great restaurant to eat at is Centanni Trattoria, a highly rated and recommended Italian restaurant is described as, ¨Dark and cozy neighborhood spot offering homestyle Italian meals."

The food is fresh and comforting, definitely worth the price for an exceptional experience. A lot of the pastas and chicken dishes are highly recommended. Who knows: maybe you can have your own *Lady and the Tramp* moment. The ambiance is cute and cozy and their service is consistently excellent.

They are open from 5PM to 8PM every day except for Sundays. If you're looking for a delicious and flavorful meal, Centanni Trattoria is the place for you.

Gordon Biersch is another great place to enjoy a great meal. They have a nicely lit outdoor patio that is just perfect in the afternoon. They have great service and servers and even better food options.

Their burgers are well known and so are their garlic fries. They also have excellent portion sizes, which is key to a good eating experience. It's walking distance from many frozen yogurt and ice cream places which is a dessert you can't go wrong with!

You're also able to call in for a reservation which is always handy. It's open from 12PM to 11:30PM all week long.

Even if you don't go to these lovely places on Valentine's Day, you should be able to treat yourself and others to a nice time and a few tasty dishes made with love.

Valentine's Traditions Around The World

By Jaylyn Barjolo
Cub Reporter

Valentine's day is the day where friends, family, and loved ones celebrate the day of love. People all around the world celebrate this holiday, but in some ways you wouldn't expect.

For example, in France a village called St. Valentin, or as some call it, "The Village of Love," holds multiple events when it comes to this special day.

In the village they hold vow renewals, have sales on fine chocolates, jewelry, and even carve hearts into the Tree of Hearts.

In South Korea, Valentine's Day is one of the twelve days of love. These twelve days of love take place once a month on the fourteenth.

On Cupid's Day, women give gifts like chocolate to men, showing a symbol of affection towards them. Later on in the month on White Day, the men will also return a gift back to their significant other.

In Mexico, instead of Valentine's Day, they call it El Dia del Amor y la Amistad, also known as "The Day of Love and Friendship."

On the evening of this lovely day, Men will stand beneath a window and declare their dying love, along with a Mariachi band that sings and plays the most beautiful songs to win their lover's heart.

In Argentina, Valentine's Day isn't celebrated in February but in July. This celebration is called La Semana de la Dulzura, also known as "The Week of Sweetness."

This event takes place from the 1st of July to the 7th, in which couples will exchange a sweet for a kiss on the cheek.

In the Philippines, they celebrate with "Lovapalooza" an event on the Manila Bay shores, where at midnight the couples share a kiss.

In South Africa they like to celebrate Valentines Day with a huge festival as well as many celebrations throughout the city.

For the men, women pin hearts to their sleeves with the names of there crush in order for the men to find out who their secret admirers are.

In Germany Valentine's Day or as they call it "Valentinstag" takes a big turn. Valentinstag isn't for everybody, but strictly for adults. This holiday has never been that popular, but has increased in fame in recent years.

When it comes to celebrating, Valentinstag, it wouldn't be complete without little pigs that give out flowers, pigs climbing up a ladder, and pigs carrying a clover in their hoof. In Germany, they also like to bake immense heart-shaped ginger cookies, decorated with written work of people's feelings and thoughts.

Lastly, in America we love to make cards, buy people chocolate, and arrange gifts. Exchanging these presents, not only to our significant others but to our friends and family as well, spreading joy and love all around us!

I hope you enjoyed hearing about how we celebrate the day of love, but also how people around the world celebrate. Happy Valentine's Day, from none other than the JBHS Paw Print!

Do You Love Love Songs?

By Alina Ruiz
Cub Photographer

Valentine's Day arrives and love songs arrive with it. Do you love love songs? With a wide variety of genres portraying what we call "love," there is a song out there for everyone that expresses exactly how you feel. Love songs have been around since the dawn of time, the oldest love song named "Shu-Sin."

Collectively, there are some love songs that are considered classics: "Can't Help Falling" by Elvis Presley (1961), "Let's Stay Together" by Al Green (1972), "Lovesong" by The Cure (1989),"I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston (1992), "Yellow" by Coldplay (2000), and "Just The Way You Are" by Bruno Mars (2010).

All these classics beg the question: what does the future hold for love songs? Three years into a new millennium, a classic love song is yet to be established.

Another question it poses is: do these classic love songs have a common denominator? Historically, a song is considered 'great' when the song creates a reaction to a specific emotion. Love songs typically have a sense of happiness, euphoria, or excitement. Love is the strongest emotion known to man.

Knowing these facts, we can see why love songs are so successful. Music provides a form of expression for all. Many musicians write songs from the heart, portraying a story that expresses the human experience of learning to love. The greatest love songs share the loving feeling that all humans share, appealing to a wide audience with these songs.

This Valentine's Day, explore new love songs in any genre outside of your typical listening, and fall in love with the story within the song!

Dateless On Valentine's

By Michelle Chavez
Cub Reporter

Not everyone has a significant other, but there are ways to enjoy this holiday even without a date. Here are some examples.

First things first, in order to enjoy Valentine's Day, most people need closure from past relationships. In the article "Burning Letters, The Therapy of Letter Writing and Letting Go" by David James, he talks about a harmless way to cope. "Writing thoughts and feelings about loss on paper, reading aloud and burning the letter can help with healing," writes James.

It is as simple as it sounds, all you have to do is write a letter "addressed" to that significant person where you can write down all the things you wished to have said to them, and once you're done, just burn the letter. This method is described to be very "therapeutic" and "healing."

John Spence once said, "Learn to love yourself first, instead of loving the idea of other people loving you," which is something we all have to learn how to do.

We have to love who we are before we are ready to love someone else, so on this day, you should treat yourself! Have a spa day, go shopping, or even splurge on a big gift for yourself, you deserve it.

If you'd rather spend the day by yourself, there are many things you can do as well. You could complete any goals you had in mind, like finishing a project, or doing better in school. Today can be the day you decide to change for the better and improve. Treat yourself to your favorite food, do your skincare routine, go shopping, try something new, watch your favorite movies, clean out your room, donate things you don't need anymore, or even get yourself flowers. There is nothing wrong with treating yourself.

Another fun activity you could do is to make a time capsule! This consists of filling a shoe box or something similar with things that you like now, and writing down a letter to your future self with all of your goals and things you wish to have accomplished by the time you reopen your time capsule. Once you're done, leave it and don't open it for an amount of time of your choice.

You could also do something spontaneous like driving to the beach, watching the sunset, or going to a concert. The following are some concerts happening this February 14th. 'Unwound', a rock band that hasn't played together in over 20 years, 'Devotchka,' which is a multi-instrumental and vocal ensemble alternative/indie band, and 'The Detroit Cobras,' a garage rock band formed in 1994, as well as many other small performances.

If you'd rather just stay in, you could have a movie marathon, spend time with your family, or just do something that makes you happy. "Just do the nice thing for yourself, whatever that looks like to you," Brigham says.

Only once we let go of the past can we truly enjoy Valentine's day. Spending time with people you love can be just as fun, which is why this holiday can also be celebrated with friends! You and your friends can go to the movie theater, have a picnic together, go to a theme park like Six Flags or Disneyland, go out to eat, or just hang out.

At the end of the day, February 14th is just another day. It doesn't have to be celebrated if you don't want it to be, but these were just some ideas on how to pass the time or do something new. This day shouldn't make anyone feel bad, there are so many ways to enjoy it! Happy Valentine's Day!

DIY Valentine's Day Crafts

By John Anderegg
Cub Reporter

With so many couples wanting to go out this Valentine's Day, many places are too busy for people's liking, and some simply prefer to stay in. Here are some potential crafts for those who want to stay indoors this Valentine's Day.

If you have an old shoebox lying around, you could make a card box like you might have done for an elementary school Valentine's Day party using paper, paint, or other coloring supplies you might have around the house.

If you have air dry clay you can make hearts and exchange them with your partner once dry, or keep it for yourself.

You can make heart-shaped pencil toppers by twisting pipe cleaners into a heart shape and attaching them to the eraser end of a pencil. You can either wrap the end of the pipe cleaner around the pencil or secure it using glue.

If you're a plant lover or need a place to put flowers from a loved one, you can use satin paints or other outdoor paints to decorate a plant pot. The plant pot will last long past Valentine's Day, so this is good if you want a craft that will become a keepsake.

If you have any old sweaters you don't wear anymore, you can repurpose them into a heart-shaped pillow. All you need to do is cut two same-sized heart shapes out of the old sweater, sew them together using a sewing machine or hand-sewing, and fill them with whatever you chose to use as stuffing.

You can make heart-shaped wreaths using 3.5oz yarn and a heart-shaped wreath frame. Cut your yarn into 5-inch pieces then tie the yarn into knots around the frame. Once the whole frame is filled you can hang it on your door or wherever else you'd like.

If you're somebody who enjoys going to the beach and happens to have a collection of seashells, you can arrange them into a heart shape and hot glue them onto some cardstock. You can keep them on the cardstock as is or you can choose to frame them.

Making a craft for that special someone to show them you care is a perfect expression of love.

Valentine's Gifts

By Luna Martinson
Cub Reporter

Valentine's Day is here! Many students have loved ones that would love a gift. There are so many perfect gifts that many people would love to give and receive!

For example, some flowers, a hug, and some chocolate would be a amazing gift to give anyone. Others may want to impress their loved one with expensive jewelry.

Many other people would gift their special someone with their love and spend the day with them.

Valentine's isn't just about receiving chocolate, flowers, and a card. Valentine's Day is about being there for each other.

Even if you don't have a date on Valentines day, you could treat yourself, go to eat, or buy things for yourself. Valentine's Day is a day of love, which can mean love with two different people or self-love.

Valentine's Day gifts can also be a date to a fancy restaurant, it could be your favorite food place or a place that you've been wanting to eat at.

There are so many genres of presents, such as restaurants, cards, flowers and others. Some other amazing gifts could be a trip to a favorite concert or a shopping spree.

These gifts are all cool, but one thing they share in common is that they all resemble love.

Best Valentine's Day Candy

By Meleyna Merino
Cub Reporter

It is that time of year again… Valentine's Day! This holiday is full of love and light. Even if you don't have a Valentine this year, that is no excuse to not have a fun time with your friends. You can gift them sweet treats, but which Valentine's Candy is the best?

Candy companies come out with a Valentine's Day twist on their own candy, and some of these candies are even better than the original.

Some of the most popular candies around this time of year are chocolate hearts, M&M's Valentine's Day edition, Fun-Dip Valentines Day Exchange, Hershey's Kisses and, Conversation Hearts.

The list is very short compared to the copious amounts of candy sold during this time. The statistics are crazy. Of the 20 billion dollars spent on Valentine's day gifts, candy is 2.7 billion of that number.

The most sold candy on Valentine's day is your typical heart-shaped box of chocolates. Coming in a close second is conversation hearts.

In my opinion, I think these are overrated. Conversation Hearts are one of the most sold candies on February 14th, but personally, I don't see the appeal. Conversation hearts don't really have any flavor and are lackluster. Personally, I think they are very overrated, and aren't really a contender for the best Valentine's Candy.

Fun-Dip Valentine's Day Edition certainly stands out from the selection, even though it's not the most popular. Although I don't think this is the best Valentine's candy, I do think it is underrated. The concept is very good because it has a built-in writing section for you to write something for your Valentine or to your favorite friends.

On to the top Valentine's candies. Another great candy is Hershey's Kisses. Even the name gives you a sense of getting into the spirit of this holiday. They are a classic as well, and you can spring for the original or the festive themed hershey's kisses.

Out of the top two candies, the best one out of all time is heart-shaped chocolates. You can never go wrong with a heart-shaped box of chocolates. These chocolates are such a classic, not to mention the fact that they are the most sold candy on February 14th. They taste delicious, and they are clearly popular for a reason. A box of chocolates is a very thoughtful tiny gift to give to your significant other or friend.

Don't get me wrong, Hershey Kisses are really good as well, but personally I don't think they are as sentimental or cute or even flavorful as Heart- shaped box of chocolates.

It's the thought that counts on this special holiday. Make sure to shower your valentine with lots of love and candy, whether that be just your close friends or a significant other. These candies don't even have to be gifted. You can indulge in these delicious sweets all by yourself. No matter what

Hello Kitty Bouquet Takeover

By Veronica Silva
Cub Reporter

As Valentine's Day approaches, stores are filling up with chocolate, flowers, and lots of candy! This year, Sanrio's very own Hello Kitty is taking over the Valentine's season!

Recently on Tik Tok, the famous Hello Kitty bouquets have come to shine. The bouquets are hand made creations consisting of Sanrio's Hello Kitty plushies.

The top three best-selling bouquets are made with only Hello Kitty plushies, another with a mix of plushies and flowers, and lastly one made out of natural flowers. Some can even be found with fairy lights for that extra touch! The most popular out of the three is the one that consists of both plushies and flowers.

Hello Kitty is not the only Sanrio character that is available! You can also find these creations in other character designs from the Sanrio company like My Melody, Kuromi, Cinnamoroll, and so many others! You can also find heart-shaped lacy chocolate boxes with an added plushie or a Sanrio-themed gift basket.

The bouquets have been circulating for a while, as their first appearance was early last year, when they first made their debut thanks to many influencers showcasing the bouquets online. The Sanrio community went wild!

Unlike a lot of flower bouquets that are available in stores, the Hello Kitty bouquet mix of flowers and plushies uses artificial flowers that make them cherishable forever, but you can always purchase them with real flowers as well. Although these bouquets are adorable and fun to have, they are not the cheapest gift to purchase for your loved one, as the prices for these range from as little as thirty dollars to as big as a hundred per bouquet!

They are not the easiest to purchase, either, since these bouquets are hard to find authentically without being overcharged or already sold out by online vendors.

Many users have been making their own customizable bouquets instead, given the expensive prices and the difficult obstacles they face trying to buy them. They can be made with supplies like artificial or natural flowers, ribbons, gift wrapping paper, any adorable decorations you can find from your local stores, and mini plushies that can be purchased on sites like Amazon.

Not only can these bouquets be given on Valentine's, but they make the perfect gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and other special events if you have a Sanrio lover in your life.

For those who are not Sanrio fans, these creations are not only limited to Sanrio characters: many users have been putting their own twist on this trend, expanding it to other entertainment companies' characters like Stitch from Disney.

Not sure what to purchase your best friend, girlfriend, or any loved one this upcoming Valentine's Day? These bouquets can be found by small businesses through online websites AliExpress and Etsy, or you can even go to your local craft store and create your own!

Be sure to celebrate your Valentine's with getting yourself or a loved one a Hello Kitty bouquet, as they make such a cute gift to have or give! Have a Sanrio-filled Valentine's Day, bears!

To: Leilani Arriaga
From: Anonymous
Message: Happy Valentines Day, and thanks for bringing the best out of me!

To: Wyatt Howe

From: Laden Ramos

Message: You're lonely LOL.

Roku Japanese BBQ

By Judi Browngardt
Cub Reporter

Roku Japanese BBQ is a new restaurant here in Burbank. It is located at 4013 W Riverside Dr, Burbank, CA 91505. Its location is approximately eight minutes away from the school by car, so it would be possible to enjoy some Japanese cuisine during the lunch break. Roku is open from 11:30 AM through 9:30 PM on Tuesday-Thursday. 12:30-10 on Saturday, 11:30-10 on Fridays, and 12:30-9:30, and they are closed on Mondays.

When inside the restaurant, the smell of BBQ fills the room. They carry an assortment of Japanese foods. Everyone sitting inside seemed to have a pleasant time enjoying their food, and there was plenty of seating available during lunchtime. The waiter explained to me that the busiest time is dinner and they take reservations. Roku does delivery, so it can also be enjoyed from home.

The decor inside the restaurant was modern and rustic and everything was neat and clean. When I ordered, the waiter was extremely helpful. He told me about the most popular items on the menu, along with how to work the stovetop at the table. They have a wide variety of foods on their menu. The prices were a little expensive compared to other Japanese restaurants, but it was reasonable given the freshness and overall fancy feel of the restaurant.

Some positives that stood out the most to me were the wide variety of things on the menu. The bathrooms and the whole restaurant itself were very clean and neat. The staff was also friendly and helpful.

I ordered takeout but saw that there were plenty of comfortable indoor seating options. Some of the booths were big enough to enjoy meals with a larger group of people. I ordered the Salmon bento box because it came with a variety of things to try. For a beverage, they offered classic fountain sodas.

While they prepared the food, I observed the atmosphere of Roku. The lighting inside was dark and it felt cozy. I first noticed the stove tops of the table. They were very clean, and I wanted to come back to try them out.

The food took about twenty-five minutes to be prepared. The waiter apologized for the wait and reminded me that it was freshly made. It looked visually appealing, and the portions were a good size. The salmon and rice were cooked well, but could have used more seasoning. The California roll that came with it was very good.

The sushi tasted very fresh and it was a lot better than some other sushi I've had in the past. The cucumber salad, edamame, and miso soup all had a good flavor and were seasoned well. I could barely eat half of the food without getting full.

The food was worth the wait, and my personal experience with Roku Japanese BBQ met my expectations. I am looking forward to going back and trying some more of the many options on their menu. In particular, I want to cook on the stovetop tables and try out their different types of sushi.

Overall, I would recommend Roku Japanese BBQ and hope to try it out again sometime.

Taking Care Of Yourself On Valentine's

By Genesis Martinez
Cub Reporter

America knows Valentine's Day as a time to remember your significant other and show them how much they mean to you. Although it's great to celebrate your relationship with that special someone, not everyone finds that person in high school. So if you are someone that hasn't found that "special someone," there is no need to feel down on Valentine's Day. I would argue that self-love is a lot more important: how can you love someone else if you can't love yourself?

It is time to put yourself first and really focus on yourself. It might be a little overwhelming if this is new to you, so here are some things that can help you jump-start your self-love journey.

I would first recommend that you stop thinking about the things that are lacking in your life and starting thinking about the things you do have. It is easy to get sad about the things we don't have in life, especially around Valentine's Day if having a boyfriend or girlfriend is something you desire.

When you are trying to work on yourself, the most important thing to improve is your mental health; many times when your mental health improves, other things in your life do too.

The next thing I would recommend working on is your self-care routine (hygiene, clothing, hair, makeup, etc.) I have found that when you take time to work on your appearance it can really give you a boost of confidence; most of us have heard the saying "when you look good, you feel good." I think that quote really applies to the topic of self-love, because it's good to have some pride in how you present yourself.

The third thing that could help you on your self-love journey is spending time with people that make you feel good. Valentine's Day doesn't only have to be for couple's, it can be for friends too! Spend time with people that will help you feel loved and appreciate you for just being you. Sometimes being around people who have your best interest at heart and care about you helps you see just how much you should love yourself. We sometimes need people to show us our value when we don't see it in ourselves.

The last tip I can give is to spend time by yourself; take the time to sit with your thoughts and appreciate some peace and quiet. Some ways you could do this are taking a walk, going to the park, and being around nature. If you are unable to leave your house, you can sit in your backyard, draw in your room, meditate, or do a calming activity.

There are so many options out there for anyone who is single on Valentine's Day; we've all been there. I hope you see now that it's not all about having that special someone, sometimes it's good to have that special someone be yourself. It can be really easy to get caught up in school and your home life but it is important to take care of yourself.

To: Daniela Alvarez

From: Samantha Gonzalez

Message: Tarot cards & chill February 14th? Love you beautiful, stunning, inspirational, ethereal goddess you!

To: Maresa

From: Anonymous

Message: Keep it classy Ma Ma Mara Ra

Ursa Major Horoscopes

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) - You will embark upon plenty of adventures this month. Friends and family might help you envision new ideas and push yourself further. Under the influence of Mars, you will become impulsive and hot tempered. Try to be patient with everyone and handle situations calmly. Don't bite off more than you can chew.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20) - Start off this year with your head held high. Don't let the darkness consume your thoughts and actions. Make the best out of situations you are handed, and remember that the grass is always greener on the other side. To get to the other side, carry yourself with poise and grace. Harmony is the goal here.

Gemini (May 21-Jun.20) - Planetary aspects will ensure a transformation is upon you. Don't get caught in your own imagination, and be practical in your decisions. You will reach your target this month, so just be patient and trust the universe is looking out for you. The stars are aligned in your favor.

Cancer (Jun. 21-Jul. 22) - The universe sees that you are feeling trapped and helpless, but worry not, with strength you will overcome that this month. You will always feel tied down if you let others' opinions or feelings dominate yours. I encourage you to be strong, and have positive intentions.

Leo (Jul. 23-Aug. 22) - Choose what you say to people carefully. Don't try to force your opinions on others, even if you think you're helping. They will just get more upset, so be gentle with others. Indulge in different activities this month, this will lead you to make progress in your life. Towards the end of the month major events will find you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - You will be confident this month. Your instincts will be sharp. Don't hold yourself back by not allowing yourself to have the experiences you deserve. Get out there! Be bold, fearless, and free. Life will be enjoyable; the signs are promising.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - I sense an extremely eventful month for Libras. Any drama that happened last year is moving to the past, and no new complications will bother you this month. All new problems should be handled with intelligence and care. Don't overwork yourself, I fear you may get too busy and forget your personal relationships. Make time for those you love this month.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Personal growth will be huge for you this month. Changes in career and money will happen, so focus on how your work affects your family and social life. A spiritual journey is afoot. Joy may spark from spending more time doing creative subjects, like art or music.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Your luck will change for the better. Your relationships will have harmony they didn't before. You will benefit from that harmony and support, and accomplish some of your targets or goals. You will relish the positive energy that stems from your success.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - You will be looking to fulfill your desires in February. Also fighting for the freedom to do what you want, and for independence. This will be a challenge, and you will feel a sense of desperation. Don't worry, because as Capri's you always have a plan and I have no doubt you will get through this.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Aquarius season is finally here! In natural Aqua fashion, creative projects will be initiated this month. You will have room to achieve what you want and there will be openings for you to get all of your wishes.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) - Your relationships will be guarded by care and support by good friends and loved ones. You will make contact with the right people this month. They will help you with whatever challenges you may face. But do not rely on other people to fix your mistakes.

-Anita Hernandez, Cub Astrologer

To: Everyone

From: Austin A. Carter

Message: Please subscribe to my YouTube channel AusTheBoss!

To: Katie Baum
From: Anonymous
Message: Wish I could come back to California but this all I got for now. Happy Valentine's day former Ms. Half-Face, future worldwide homeowner

To: Alana Gay

From: Anonymous

Message:
Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
I love my friend,
Happy Valentine's Day Boo!

To: Jubilee Palma
From: Victoria Lusk

Message: You are so pretty and such an amazing person, I love being friends with you!
Love you...

To: Stephanie Hernandez

From: Anonymous

Message: The spicy crispy chicken sandwich is so bomb. Please go to McDonalds with me please please please.
Regards,
Ronald

To: Molly Boyke
From: Anonymous
Message: You're probably going to read this before it's published (Editor-In-Chief moment). Love you!

To: Allison Tellez

From: Bryan Yoon

Message: I just want to say thank you for being such a positive friend and, in general, an amazing person to everyone around you.

To: Amethyst Vazquez
From: Anonymous
Message: Hey, you're like the best. You got this, and you will do well. Just remember that you're fantastic - Your super duper secret admirer

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